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Adaptation Fund Board

**Proposal for Syrian Arab Republic**

Syrian Arab Republic: Climate Change Resilient Communities through Integrated Natural Resource Management in Eastern Ghouta in Rural Damascus, Syria (Concept note; United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat); SYR/MIE/Water/2019/1; US$ 10,000,000).

Having considered the recommendation of the Project and Programme Review Committee, the Adaptation Fund Board (the Board) decides to:

1. Endorse the concept note as supplemented by the clarification responses provided by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) to the request made by the technical review;
2. Request the secretariat to notify UN-Habitat of the observations in the review sheet annexed to the notification of the Board’s decision, as well as the following issues:
   * + 1. The fully-developed project proposal should fully identify all activities and risks, including risks to biodiversity;
       2. The fully-developed project should provide a more detailed quantitative cost- effectiveness analysis of the proposed measures;
       3. The fully-developed proposal should include lessons learned, linkages and synergies with all the relevant past and ongoing projects in the region, including areas of overlap and complementarity; and
3. Encourage the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic to submit, through UN- Habitat, and following the reaccreditation of UN-Habitat, a fully-developed project proposal that would also address the observations under subparagraph b), above.

**Decision B.35.a-35.b/63**