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### NOTE TO ECHO MANAGEMENT

**Subject: ECHO strategy 2004; "Forgotten Crises"; final version**

Please find enclosed the final version of the analysis to identify the 2004 forgotten crises, taking into account your remarks and suggestions made on my note of 19 September.

The revision led to a slight change in the results. 12 countries/crises were identified as forgotten, receiving at least 75% of the maximum points (i.e. min 9 out of 12 possible points). The countries concerned are Western Sahara, DRC, Myanmar/Burma, Nepal, Uganda (LRA), Somalia, Guinea, India, Russia (Chechnya), Sudan, Thailand (Burmese border), Haiti. They should be taken as a baseline for measuring ECHO's contribution for forgotten crises in the Annual Activity Report 2003 (% of funding to forgotten crises in relation to total funding). With respect to Papua and Nigeria, it was agreed with ECHO 1 that these crises would not be put on the list but continued to be monitored over the year to see if action needs to be taken.

Since it appears difficult in terms of advocacy and visibility to promote 12 forgotten crises simultaneously, it is suggested to focus such efforts and to narrow down the list to those amongst the 12 identified cases which received the highest score from the units, assuming that this will maximise ownership of the concept. Six such crises would meet the criterion: **Western Sahara, Myanmar/Burma, Uganda, Somalia, Russia (Chechnya)** and **Haiti** received the highest scores from the units.

It is therefore suggested that ECHO operations in those countries (except for Western Sahara, due to the specific problems identified) be backed up by specific advocacy / visibility operations to raise public awareness and attract further donor attention.

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**Annex:** Revised statistical analysis on forgotten crises