## **JUSTIFICATION FOR EMERGENCY REVIEW**

## 12112 PROJECT PROPOSAL SUBMISSION TEMPLATE

I2U2 is a partnership between the heads of government of India, Israel, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and the United States. This grouping of countries identifies bankable projects and initiatives, with a particular focus on joint investments and new initiatives in water, energy, transportation, space, health, food security, and technology. The I2U2 initiative aims to mobilize private sector capital and expertise to achieve a variety of economic goals.

The purpose of this collection is to gather the required details necessary to determine if applicants' projects qualify to participate in the I2U2 initiative. This information is necessary to select participants and share information with I2U2 partners. In order to open the window to receive project proposals, the Department needs immediate approval of the submission template form.

The Department has therefore determined that:

- 1. This collection is needed prior to the expiration of time periods normally associated with a routine submission for review under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act;
- 2. This collection is essential to the mission of the Department of State; and
- 3. The use of normal clearance procedures will prevent the Department obtaining this information, severely impacting the Department's ability to implement the I2U2 partnership.

Therefore, the Department of State requests emergency OMB approval for this collection by September 20, 2023.

Sincerely,

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