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THE CENTRAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND: A FUND FOR ALL BY ALL

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Under-Secretary-General, Excellencies,

We very much welcome this event on the CERF and are impressed by the impact the Fund has had over the course of a very difficult year. With its dual approach to kick-start funding and focus on underfunded crises, the CERF has become an indispensable actor in the broad and diverse arena of humanitarian actors. The so-called “forgotten crises” supported by the CERF are also a priority of Liechtenstein’s “niche approach” to humanitarian assistance. As an expression of its strong humanitarian tradition, Liechtenstein has considered the Fund a core partner since its establishment twelve years ago – we have contributed to the Fund every year and close to three million USD in total. Today is a good reminder that we have collectively envisioned a USD 1 billion allocation to the CERF by 2018. The end of the year is fast approaching and much more needs to be done to achieve this target.

Excellencies,

Humanitarian assistance is a core activity of the United Nations and cuts across all its three pillars – peace and security, human rights and sustainable development. For millions of people in need the humanitarian workers are the face of this organization. After twelve years at work, the CERF enjoys the broad legitimacy of close to two thirds of member States that have contributed to it financially. For Liechtenstein this is

ample reason to engage in a more serious and structured discussion how to increase the share of regular budgetary resources to the humanitarian activities of the UN, including to the CERF. Predictable and reliable resourcing is key to maximize impact of humanitarian aid. Increased regular budget allocations would serve this purpose and would be a reflection of the realities at the UN.

Excellencies,

As a member of the Good Humanitarian Donorship Group Liechtenstein supports the use of cash transfers to deliver assistance. The advantages are well known and we support the systematic consideration of that flexible and cost-efficient tool by the UN. New technologies such as blockchain provide additional potential to better target aid delivery. Liechtenstein is among the very first States to initiate a comprehensive regulatory framework for the crypto industry with the aim to harness the potential of this technology and its myriad of applications, including the humanitarian field. We are ready to share our experience with the UN and to contribute, where possible, to increase the impact of humanitarian aid for those who need it most.

I thank you.