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STATEMENT BY MR. CLAUDIO NARDI, FIRST SECRETARY

Mr. Chair,

The Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) is in its second decade and remains the most important international mechanism to address humanitarian emergencies brought about by armed conflict and natural disasters. We welcome the fact that the CERF is supporting rapid responses to humanitarian crises and responses to underfunded emergencies in a balanced manner. We commend USG Stephen O'Brien for his efforts to ensure transparency, accountability and efficiency in the Fund's management.

Liechtenstein's policy of humanitarian assistance is based on a "niche approach", with a special emphasis on underfunded appeals. CERF gives us the opportunity to implement this policy in a consistent manner. During times of financial and economic constraints it is particularly important that we continue to ensure adequate and predictable funding for humanitarian assistance. I am therefore pleased to announce that Liechtenstein will again contribute CHF 200'000 for the year 2017.

We hope that together we will enable the Fund to operate at its full capacity in 2017.