



**PERMANENT MISSION
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Mr. Chair,

Since its establishment 15 years ago, the CERF has become one of the most important and efficient international mechanisms to address humanitarian emergencies. Liechtenstein's "niche approach" to humanitarian assistance has a special emphasis on flexible funding and underfunded appeals, which aligns with the CERF's policy principles. I am pleased to announce that Liechtenstein will again contribute CHF 200'000 for the year 2022. This will be the 16th year in a row that Liechtenstein makes such a contribution, resulting in a total sum of contributions of CHF 3.6 million and we have contributed to CERF every year since the fund was established.

The CERF increases the reliability of humanitarian funding while remaining very flexible and swift in its allocations. We welcome that States and other partners have contributed USD 548 Million to the CERF, however more contributions are necessary to achieve our agreed funding target of USD 1 Billion. Ultimately, it should be in our collective interest to increase the share of UN humanitarian activities in the regular budget given that they represent a core function of our organization.

I thank you.