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Mr. Chair,

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the establishment of the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF). The CERF has since become one of the most important and efficient international mechanisms to address humanitarian emergencies. Liechtenstein's "nice approach" to humanitarian assistance has a special emphasis on 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 2021.

The COVID-19 crisis has underlined how important the CERF is today in the humanitarian world, even for crises of global dimension. 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 an all-time high of USD 835 Million to the CERF, which finally brings us in sight of 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.