



**PERMANENT MISSION
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Mr. Chair,

Since its inception in 2006, the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) has been the most important international mechanism to address humanitarian emergencies caused by armed conflict and natural disasters. The CERF supports underfunded emergencies and responds rapidly to humanitarian crises in a very balanced manner, which is something we value highly. We congratulate Mark Lowcock on assuming your position as USG for Humanitarian Affairs and as Emergency Relief Coordinator, we wish you all the best for the challenges ahead and assure you of Liechtenstein's full cooperation.

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 increased needs and 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 2018.

We hope that together we will enable the Fund to operate at its full capacity in 2018.