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HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON THE CENTRAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND

**STATEMENT BY MR. CHRISTIAN WENAWESER, AMBASSADOR, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Mr./Madam Chair

This month marks the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of establishment of the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), the most important international mechanisms to address humanitarian emergencies caused by armed conflict and natural disasters. CERF's ability to efficiently and rapidly react to these emergencies is commendable and well exemplified by the mere 24 hours it took aid workers to respond to the severe earth quake in Nepal this year, or many other instances for that matter. We thank former USG Valerie Amos for her work and welcome Mr. O'Brien's continued emphasis on transparency, accountability and efficiency in the management of CERF.

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. I am therefore pleased to announce that Liechtenstein will contribute CHF 200'000 for the year 2016, which amounts to approximately the same amount in USD.

We hope that together we will enable the Fund to operate at its full capacity to meet old, new and emerging crisis in 2016.