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**Objet: Belgium's Contribution to the Central Emergency Response Fund
2019 - CERF / OCHA - 17.000.000 EUR - FF/2019/04**

Dear Ms. Doughten,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Government of Belgium, through its Federal Public Service of Foreign Affairs – Directorate-General for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid (DGD), has decided to contribute 17.000.000 EUR to the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) for 2019, under the Agreement as joined to this letter.

The contribution will be paid in one installment of 17.000.000 EUR in 2019, upon receipt of one signed copy of the Agreement, and OCHA's letter stating a formal claim for the payment of the contribution.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Ministerial Decree awarding 17.000.000 EUR towards the Central Emergency Response Fund.

Terms and Conditions of the Contribution

1. Payment conditions

- 1.1. The present contribution is a contribution for one year consisting of a payment of 17.000.000 EUR in 2019.
- 1.2. The payment will be done into the following bank account:

Bank	JP Morgan Chase Bank 270 Park Avenue, 23rd Floor, New York, NY 10172-0003, USA
Account name	UN General Trust Fund
Account number	485-00-1969
ABA Code	021-000-021
SWIFT code	CHASUS33
Reference	Belgium's Contribution to CERF 2019
Special instruction	Do not charge the beneficiary

- 1.3. The contribution of 17.000.000 EUR will be paid upon receipt of:
- OCHA's written acceptance of the terms and conditions described in this letter, to be sent to: FPS Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation – DGD (D5, Directorate Humanitarian Aid and Transition) – Rue des Petits Carmes 15, 1000 Brussels;
 - a formal claim for the payment of the contribution, to be sent to: einvoice@diplobel.fed.be. OCHA's formal claim for payment has to state the bank account for payment, as mentioned under article 1.2.

In addition, a copy of all documents needs to be send by e-mail to the person in charge of your file mentioned in the header of this letter.

- 1.4. This letter of the Belgian Minister in charge of Development Cooperation and the written acceptance by OCHA of the terms and conditions specified in this letter constitute the specific agreement for the award and use of the contribution.

2. Use and administration of the contribution

- 2.1. The contribution will be used for the replenishment of the Central Emergency Response Fund as foreseen in General Assembly Resolution 60/124 of 15th December 2005.
- 2.2. The General conditions under which the Government of Belgium contributes to the CERF are those set out in the Secretary-General's Bulletin of 23 April 2010, entitled 'Establishment and Operation of the Central Emergency Response Fund'.
- 2.3. Eligible expenses will only start at the date of signature of the Ministerial decree awarding the funds. While this contribution is normally spent within the course of one year starting from that date, any unspent portion of the grant will remain in the fund's budget until fully used in accordance with the regulations set out in the Secretary-General's Bulletin of 23 April 2010.
- 2.4. Any modification of the present agreement shall be officially requested to the Director General of the DGD and must receive its written approval.



- 2.5. OCHA commits to inform the DGD in case of (suspected) active or passive fraud or corruption. The matter will be handled in accordance with the United Nations regulations, rules, relevant administrative issuance and policies governing its operations and in a manner consistent with its privileges and immunities for dealing with alleged financial irregularities. OCHA will also inform DGD on the measures taken by the organization to mitigate and resolve the identified problem(s).

3. Justification and reporting

- 3.1. The administration of the contribution shall be governed by the Financial Rules and Regulations of the United Nations. The use of the funds contributed by Belgium to the CERF shall be justified within the framework of the global financial reporting system to the member states.
- 3.2. The contribution shall be subject exclusively to the internal and external auditing procedures provided for in United Nations' Financial Regulations and Rules, and other applicable directives.

4. Visibility

- 4.1. When appropriate, OCHA undertakes actions to guarantee the visibility of the contribution of the Belgian government, which shall be given proper publicity. In its reports OCHA shall indicate that a one year contribution of 17.000.000 EUR to the CERF has been made by the 'Belgian Government'.

5. Interpretation and dispute

- 5.1. Any dispute concerning the interpretation or implementation of the contribution shall be settled by negotiation or by any other non-judicial means including arbitration, as agreed upon by OCHA and DGD. If, at any time, either party determines that the purpose of this letter can no longer be effectively or appropriately carried out, the present arrangement may be terminated at the initiative of either OCHA or DGD giving three months written notice.

6. Correspondence

- 6.1. The offices responsible for all matters related to this letter are:

For OCHA

CERF Secretariat, OCHA
UN Headquarters
New York

For Belgium

Permanent Mission of Belgium to the
United Nations
New York

Yours Faithfully,

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6 May 2019



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Enclosure(s): Ministerial Decree

