

- 2.3. Any modification of the present agreement shall be officially requested to the Director General of the DGD and must receive its written approval.
- 2.4. Special attention shall be provided to the implementation of OCHA's gender policy.
- 2.5. OCHA, and its implementing partners, will take all reasonable and adequate steps to prevent sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment ("SEAH") of any person linked to the delivery of this Agreement by both its employees and any implementing partner and respond appropriately when reports of SEAH arise, including the protection of any potential victim.

OCHA shall also set up the necessary signaling and detection mechanisms and protect whistleblowers for its staff, in accordance with the Secretary-General's bulletin ST/SGB/2017/2/Rev.1: *Protection against retaliation for reporting misconduct and for cooperating with duly authorized audits or investigations*, and the OCHA Standard Operating Procedures on Sexual Misconduct of August 2020.

DGD will be promptly notified of allegations of Sexual Exploitation and/or Sexual Abuse received/under investigation by the Office of Internal Oversight Services, the investigation service of the UN Secretariat, as well as of any allegations credible enough to warrant an investigation received from OCHA's implementing partners, through the Secretary-General's reporting mechanism on Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (the "Report" ) without prejudice to the status of OCHA.

In addition, and where OCHA has determined that credible sexual harassment allegations of an egregious nature exist regarding its staff that would be of significant impact to the partnership between OCHA and the DGD, OCHA will promptly notify the DGD and provide information containing the level of detail that OCHA is aware of and as found in the existing reporting mechanisms. OCHA's reporting to the DGD will in all cases be subject to considerations of security, data protection, and due process, and be provided to the DGD in accordance with United Nations regulations, rules, directives, and procedures.

- 2.6. OCHA commits to inform the DGD in case of credible allegations or substantiated cases of fraud or corruption affecting donor's funds, in line with OCHA policies. OCHA will also inform DGD on the measures taken by the organization to mitigate and resolve the identified problem(s).
- 2.7. Ownership of equipment, supplies and other property financed from the contribution shall be vested in OCHA. Matters relating to the transfer of ownership by OCHA shall be determined in accordance with the relevant policies and procedures of OCHA.
- 2.8. Belgium is very committed to the Grand Bargain. We attach great value to the implementation of the Grand Bargain commitments by its different stakeholders. Therefore, Belgium will consequently and systematically discuss this topic during its meetings and consultations with all relevant stakeholders in the humanitarian ecosystem. Moreover, the effective translation of these commitments into concrete action will be taken into account when Belgium will decide on its new financing cycle for contributions to flexible funds (2023-2024).
- 2.9. Belgium wants to underline the centrality of protection that should be ensured in humanitarian action and recalls in this regard the commitment taken by the humanitarian community through IASC Principals' Statement in 2013 on The centrality of Protection in Humanitarian Action, based on and in accordance with international human rights law and international humanitarian law as well as internationally recognized protection standards.

