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Dear High Commissioner,

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 (DGD), has decided to contribute 1.000.000 EUR to UNHCR's Innovation Service, under the "Terms and Conditions of the Contribution" as stated in this letter.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Ministerial Decree awarding 1.000.000 EUR towards UNHCR's Innovation Service.

Terms and Conditions of the Contribution

1. Payment conditions

1.1 The contribution will be paid in one installment upon receipt of UNHCR's written acceptance of the terms and conditions described in this letter, together with a formal claim of the payment of the contribution stating UNHCR's bank account.

1.2 The payment of the contribution will be done into UNHCR's bank account:

Bank's Name :	United Bank of Switzerland (UBS AG) Case postale 2770, 1211 Geneva 2, Switzerland
Bank Clearing:	240
Account Name :	UNHCR Voluntary Funds
Account Number :	FP10 2674 2
Swift Code :	UBSWCHZH80A
IBAN :	CH 72 0024 0240 FP10 2674 2

1.3 UNHCR's written acceptance of the terms and conditions described in this letter, to be sent to : SPF Affaires étrangères, Commerce extérieur et Coopération au Développement - DG D (D5, Directorate Humanitarian Aid and Transition) - Rue des Petits Carmes, 15 - 1000 Bruxelles.

1.4 The formal claim for the payment of the contribution, to be sent to: invoice@diplobel.fed.be (with the focal point in copy). UNHCR's formal claim for payment has to state UNHCR's bank account for payment, as mentioned above under 1.1.

1.5 This letter of the Belgian Minister in charge of Development Cooperation and the written acceptance by UNHCR 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 Funds made available by Belgium can be used for the 4 Funds that fall under the Innovation Service: the Digital Innovation Fund, the Data Innovation Fund, the Environment and Climate Action Innovation Fund, and the Refugee-Led Innovation Fund.

2.2 The Belgian financial contribution shall be exclusively allocated to activities, projects, and programmes that qualify as Official Development Assistance (ODA), and shall not be used for non-ODA eligible expenditures.

2.3 The administration of the contribution and procurement of goods and services shall be governed by UNHCR's Financial Rules and Regulations.

2.4 In all activities, special attention will be given to respect the diversity and inclusion dimensions of the guiding principles of UNHCR's Accountability to Affected Populations Framework.

2.5 The contribution will be subject exclusively to the internal and external auditing procedures of UNHCR. If the External Auditors' audit opinion includes observations about the way the contribution, regulated by the present convention, is used, UNHCR commits to inform the DGD of it and to update the DGD of its answer and potential actions to correct the situation.

2.6 The Parties agree to apply the final harmonized SEAH language of July 2021 as annexed to this letter. It is understood that the references to "Donor" in the Annex refer to the Government of Belgium and the references to "Recipient" in the Annex refer to UNHCR.

2.7 Ownership of equipment, supplies and other property financed from the contribution will be vested in UNHCR. Matters relating to the transfer of ownership by UNHCR will be determined in accordance with the relevant policies and procedures of UNHCR.

2.8 Any modification of the present agreement or its annexes will be officially requested to the Director General of the DGD and must receive its written approval. Requests for extension of the project's duration have to be submitted at the least two months before the project's initial end date.

3. Justification and reporting

3.1 UNHCR will justify the use of these funds by providing standardized annual activity and financial reports of the Innovation Service and its funds. These reports will be made in accordance with UNHCR's regulations, rules, directives and procedures.

3.2 UNHCR commits to inform the DGD in case of credible allegations or substantiated cases of fraud or corruption affecting donor's funds, in line with UNHCR's policies. UNHCR will also inform DGD on the measures taken by the organization to mitigate and resolve the identified problem(s).

4. Visibility

When appropriate, UNHCR undertakes to guarantee the visibility of the contribution of the Belgian government, which shall be given proper publicity, at the level of the population, the local authorities, other donors, as well as at the level of the media. In its reports, and whenever possible towards the beneficiaries, UNHCR shall indicate that the contribution to the Innovation Service and its funds has been made by the "Belgian government".

5. Interpretation and dispute

5.1 Nothing contained herein shall be interpreted as a waiver, express or implied, of the privileges and immunities of UNHCR.

5.2 Any dispute concerning the interpretation or implementation of the specific agreement will be settled by negotiation or by any other non-judicial means, including arbitration, as agreed upon by UNHCR and DGD.

5.3 If, at any time, either Party determines that the purpose of this letter can no longer be effectively or appropriately carried out, the specific arrangement may be terminated at the initiative of either UNHCR or the DGD giving three months written notice. Nevertheless contractual obligations entered into force between UNHCR and any third party prior to the receipt of the notice of termination, will not be affected by the termination.

6. Consultation

6.1 Upon request and as coordinated with UNHCR, donor representatives will be welcome to participate in program reviews and evaluations, at the donors own expense.

6.2 UNHCR will grant DGD representative(s) access to programmes site(s) with the full concurrence of the recipient government. Timing of such visits will be agreed by all Parties, and will be conducted in such a way as to minimize disruption to UNHCR's field operations and only if the security situation permits. The costs of such participation will be borne by DGD. UNHCR assumes no responsibility or liability for the life, safety or property of visitors to its field offices, who are advised to conclude appropriate insurance.

6.3 DGD is highly committed to the Grand Bargain and attaches 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 eco-system.

6.4 DGD 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.

7. Correspondence

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

For DGD:

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D5 Directorate Humanitarian Aid and Transition

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1000 BRUSSELS

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Yours sincerely,



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