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Note to the Secretary-General
**HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE
ON THE CENTRAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND**

1. I would like to thank you again for participating in the High-Level Conference on the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) on 17 December. I am pleased to inform you that US\$418.6 million was pledged by 37 Member States, one Observer and one regional government for 2015. This is the second highest amount pledged at a CERF replenishment conference since the Fund's inception in 2006.
2. The total of \$418.6 million pledged is an increase by some \$14 million compared to the amount pledged at last year's Conference. This is due mainly to large part to large increases from Germany (\$6.2 million increase) and the Netherlands (\$18.6 million increase). We also saw increases from Belgium, Ireland, Kuwait, Turkey and United Arab Emirates.
3. Several key donors (Brazil, China, Japan and Qatar) have postponed their pledges until early next year when they complete their own internal budgetary processes. We therefore expect to, once again, reach the target of \$450 million as set by the General Assembly.
4. An additional \$37.3 million was pledged for 2014 by Denmark, Germany, Norway and the United Kingdom. This brings pledges for the current year to \$482 million – the highest ever annual amount pledged to CERF and a further vote of confidence in the Fund.
5. During the conference, Member States praised CERF for its flexibility and immediate impact in the field. The effectiveness of the Fund, particularly in South Sudan and in response to other crises with regional implications, was stressed by various donors. Member States also acknowledged improved management of the Fund, drawing special attention to the timeliness and speed of allocations. It was also encouraging to hear many Member States commit to the early disbursement of funds.
6. Your annual participation at the CERF conference and personal advocacy for the Fund throughout the year is appreciated and something that we very much count on. The positive results of this year's pledging conference serve to underscore the importance of your continued support. Finally, let me take the opportunity to thank colleagues from DGACM for their usual excellent support.

Valerie Amos

Valerie Amos
19 December 2014

cc: Mr. Eliasson
Ms. Malcorra
Mr. Gilmour



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Note to Ms. Malcorra

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**2014 HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE
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Please find attached a note to the Secretary-General on the outcome of the annual High-Level Conference on the Central Emergency Response Fund on 17 December 2014.

I would appreciate if you could kindly submit this to the Secretary-General.

Valerie Amos.

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19 December 2014