



## Central Emergency Fund Pledging Event, 6 December 2023

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Thank you, Under Secretary General,

At the outset I would like to thank the Secretary General, you Under Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs, Martin Griffiths, and the excellent panel for their remarks today.

In an era marked by ever expanding humanitarian needs and fewer resources by which to mitigate them, the CERF has been proven itself to be invaluable.

It ensures the UN can respond rapidly in the acute phase of crisis where the response is often most crucial. Importantly, it is a fund 'for all and by all': a demonstration of global solidarity in a time of great division.

Malta is proud to announce our contribution to the CERF to support the lifesaving work of the UN and its partners around the world.

It is a demonstration of our continued support for the fund and the many achievements it has made. Most notably this year alone in the aftermath of the devastating earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria - and more recently - to rapidly scale up the humanitarian response in Gaza.



Malta also welcomes the establishment of a new, dedicated *climate action account* within the CERF. Such an account will help advance *Anticipatory Action* programmes and allow greater resources to tackle acute climate related emergencies globally. This will be especially important in famine-prone countries where climate and conflict are the primary drivers of hunger.

President,

We are reminded, once again, that there are no humanitarian solutions to humanitarian problems, only political ones.

We, Member States of the United Nations, have the individual and collective responsibility to work consistently and credibly to address the root causes of conflict, instability, environmental degradation, rising sea levels, and other climate emergencies.

Without working in partnership to genuinely address all these issues, no level of humanitarian support will ever be enough.

In conclusion, let me once again reiterate Malta's support for the CERF, UN OCHA, and humanitarians all around the world working to ensure the needs of the most vulnerable are met precisely when they need it the most.

I thank you.