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TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

AT THE

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FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES**

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Mr. President,

The UN Pledging Conference for Development Activities is an opportunity for Member States to contribute to a noble cause. Malaysia is all too aware that in order to make the United Nations effective and efficient, we, as Member States must provide the necessary resources. This annual event brings together Member States, and various stakeholders in consolidating pledges to contribute to the various activities undertaken by the United Nations in the field of development and humanitarian assistance.

Mr. President,

2. The year 2014 marks another challenging year for the United Nations and its Member States. This year, we continue to witness numerous environmental and climate changes that have caused numerous ecological challenges. These challenges have inflicted serious devastation in different corners of the world and demands our collective attention and response.

3. Malaysia is not oblivious to the needs of bolstering international humanitarian assistance as we experience more events that affects our basic security. For 2015, Malaysia would like to pledge a contribution to an amount of US\$50,000 to the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF). We believe this modest contribution would help our efforts to assist recovery and provide life-saving programmes to those in need.

4. My delegation would also like to take this opportunity to remind other Member States on the importance of the World Humanitarian Summit in 2016. Famine, climate change, wars and conflicts have all contributed to the need for greater humanitarian assistance and disaster response. Sure enough, we have to identify the root causes of the challenges and support the growing humanitarian needs that emanate across the globe today.

5. In view of this important matter, the Malaysian Government would like to announce our pledge of US\$200,000 as our contribution to the World Humanitarian Summit Secretariat. We believe that our contribution would engender increased attention from other Member States to collectively contribute in support of developing resilience to disaster and providing humanitarian assistance.

Mr. President,

6. Malaysia has continued to support the work of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) since 1978. With an ever growing responsibility, UNRWA continues to face financial difficulties in supporting its activities to elevate the suffering of the Palestinian people.

7. The recent hostilities in Gaza were a cause of grave concern for the Government and people of Malaysia. In this regard, Malaysia has announced to contribute US\$100,000 in a one-off contribution to the Agency for the Gaza Flash Appeal. In addition, for 2015, we will continue our ongoing support for UNRWA with a pledged amount of US\$25,000 as we have done annually in the past.

Mr. President,

8. At the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Conference in Samoa, Malaysia has announced our readiness to provide technical assistance and share our experience on development through the Malaysia Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP). Malaysia pledged US\$1 million to be allocated beginning from 2015 under this Programme to conduct courses and suitable programmes to support genuine, enduring and sustainable partnerships with SIDS in the fields of public administration and management, tourism, environment and other areas based on the developmental needs of SIDS.

I thank you, Mr. President.