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AT THE
2013 UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT
ACTIVITIES
UN HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK, 11 NOVEMBER 2013**

Mr. President,

The UN Pledging Conference for Development Activities is an important event on the calendar of the United Nations General Assembly as it gathers all Member States in consolidating their pledges to contribute to the various activities undertaken by the United Nations in development and humanitarian fields.

2. In 2013, the world continues to witness numerous global security challenges which permeate from conflicts that have affected the safety and security of countless civilians around the world. These conflicts have continued to contribute to the growing humanitarian, nation-building and developmental needs. As the challenges to human security continue to grow, Malaysia, as many other nations are all too aware that the United Nations requires resources in addressing these dynamic changes in the international environment.

Mr. President,

3. As a staunch believer in multilateralism and international security, Malaysia will continue to support the activities of the United Nations, including its Organs and Bodies, to implement the mandate accorded by Member States. Since 1978, Malaysia has continued to support the work and mandate of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). Malaysia is well aware that UNRWA continues to face financial difficulties in elevating the suffering of the Palestinian people. Even with consistent financial contributions from various Member States, the Agency is still seeking sufficient resources to support its ever growing responsibility. In this regard, Malaysia would like to pledge a total of US\$250,000.00 in a one-off contribution for 2013 to the Palestinian people through the Agency. Malaysia would also like to pledge to support UNRWA in 2014 with an amount of US\$25,000.00 as it has done annually.

4. Taking note to the current plight of the Palestinian people, Malaysia would like to take this opportunity to appeal to all Member States to continue to contribute to the work of UNRWA by allocating financial contributions to this important UN Agency.

Mr. President,

5. My delegation would also like to underline its continued support to the work of UN Women. UN Women has continued to make headways in support of inter-governmental bodies to formulate policies, introduce global standards and norms and provide technical and financial support in various countries. Needless to say, UN Women has improved the status of women and promote gender equality. In this regard, my delegation is of the view that UN Women would require continued international support and funding. In supporting its work, Malaysia wishes to pledge an amount of US\$50,000.00 to this important UN Organ for 2014. This contribution is similar to 2012 as it demonstrates our commitment to UN Women and its role in the advancement of women.

Mr. President,

6. Malaysia continues to uphold the important work of the United Nations in promoting the right of every woman, man and child in enjoying a life of health and opportunity. We recognize the important work of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in attaining these objectives, through family planning and maternal health, in contributing to achieve the Millennium Development Goal. In this regard, Malaysia would like to pledge an amount of US\$15,000.00 to UNFPA for 2014. We believe this modest contribution would go a long way in continuing the invaluable work of this Agency.

Mr. President,

7. Time and again the security and safety of civilians in various parts of the world are put in jeopardy. None other is more apparent than in countries which have experienced conflict and are in transition to stability and security. Transition process is not a mere definition, but requires political commitment and international support. In this regard, the work of the Peacebuilding Commission is important in supporting countries emerging from conflict. We value the work of the Commission which has continued to strive to shore up international attention and mobilize resources to ensure that these countries do not relapse. Through the Peacebuilding Fund, the Commission has successfully supported peacebuilding activities in 26 countries. As a member of the Organisational Committee since 2013, Malaysia would like to announce a contribution of US\$50,000.00 for 2014. This contribution demonstrates our continued commitment to international peace and security, and our believe in the important work of the Peacebuilding Commission and the Peacebuilding Fund.

I thank you, Mr. President.