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The Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) presents its compliments to the Permanent Representative to the United Nations and refers to the Note Verbale of 5 June 2013 (OCHA/NV/57/2013) requesting His/Her Excellency's Government to nominate a candidate to serve, in a personal capacity, as a member of the Advisory Group of the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) for a single three-year term.

The deadline for nominations has been extended to 23 July 2013. Should His/Her Excellency's Government wish to make a nomination to the CERF Advisory Group, kindly respond to this note by providing the name, current title, contact information and short professional resume of the candidate. In an effort to ensure gender balance, Member States are encouraged to nominate qualified female candidates who are senior-level experts in humanitarian emergencies.

Please note that English is the working language of the Advisory Group.

It is expected that the Secretary-General will announce selected candidates by 23 August 2013. The next meeting of the CERF Advisory Group, including the new members, should take place in November 2013.

The attached original Note Verbale and terms of reference provide additional details on the principal functions and procedures of the CERF Advisory Group.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'K' or similar character enclosed within a circle.

New York, 9 July 2013