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**by Mr. Dmitry Maksimych**  
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**at the High-Level Meeting on the Central Emergency Response Fund**

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Mr. President,

Russia is an active partner in the global efforts to provide humanitarian assistance to the population of the affected States.

In 2010-2011 Russia provided humanitarian assistance on the bilateral basis as well as in the framework of the UN humanitarian appeals in the amount of 100 million US dollars.

Russia considers the CERF as an important financial tool which ensures financing of the UN humanitarian activities during the first days and hours of the disaster, critical for saving lives of people, as well as in the situations of underfunded humanitarian appeals.

We assess positively the activity of the Fund which proved its effectiveness and usefulness. We consider the GA decision to transfer the balance of the funds from the loan to the grant element of the Fund as an important step aimed at the strengthening of the financial and operative capacity of the CERF.

We express our support for the work aimed at the improvement of the resources distribution criteria, needs assessment and accountability systems.

Mr. President,

I would like to announce the decision of the Government of the Russian Federation to make a voluntary contribution of two million US dollars to the Central Emergency Response Fund for 2012.

We stand ready to continue and to step up the cooperation with the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and with international humanitarian community in general to ensure timeliness, predictability and effectiveness of the UN humanitarian assistance.

Thank you.