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Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Denmark is committed to the UN humanitarian reform agenda and we will continue to strengthen our support for the implementation of these reforms based on our humanitarian strategy from 2009.

While acknowledging clear improvements in response time and coordination Denmark believes that we should strengthen and consolidate our humanitarian reform efforts even further, particularly at country-level. We need to address the underlying causes of vulnerability before and during times of crises and channel support to the most vulnerable in ways that strengthen their resilience to future crises. We believe that a coherent approach is the most appropriate response to current global challenges like hunger and climate change. Denmark will work for improved coherence between emergency relief and long-term development – and increased funding through CHF's calls for continued focus on improving performance on needs assessment, prioritization and coordination.

The Central Emergency Response Fund – and other common humanitarian funds coordinated by OCHA – are needed more than ever. Most of the crisis situations in the world are long-term and protracted and some tend to be forgotten by the general public and the politicians – and therefore not receiving adequate funding. The role of the CERF window for underfunded crises is crucial to ensure a balanced and needs based approach to human suffering.

2010 has been an exceptional year with the Haiti earthquake and the Pakistan floods pushing both funding sources and the humanitarian system to the

limits. The fast response to these natural disasters was not least facilitated by the availability of funds from the CERF emergency facility.

I am pleased to announce that Denmark pledges 50 million Danish Kroner to the Central Emergency Response Fund for 2011. Recognizing the strain on CERF funding caused not least by Haiti and Pakistan we also hope to be able to allocate some additional funding for CERF from our remaining 2010 budget.

I thank you.