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**UN SECRETARY-GENERAL APPOINTS NEW MEMBERS TO
ADVISORY GROUP OF
THE CENTRAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND**

(New York, 31 October 2008): United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today announced the appointment of 16 members to the Advisory Group of the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), including four alternates. Seven of the 16 members have previously served on the Advisory Group. Their re-nomination helps to ensure the continuation of the institutional memory of the Advisory Group, one-third of which should rotate every year.

Established by the General Assembly under resolution 60/124 of 15 December 2005, the CERF Advisory Group provides the Secretary-General with periodic policy guidance and expert advice on the use and impact of the Fund through the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, John Holmes. Mr. Holmes manages day-to-day operations of the Fund on behalf of the Secretary-General.

“The independent two-year evaluation praised the invaluable role the Advisory Group has played in the past in identifying and advising on important issues on the management of the Fund. I look forward to working closely with them in future,” Mr. Holmes said.

Members of the Advisory Group serve in their individual capacity, and not as representatives of their countries or governments. They include government officials from Member States, including contributing and recipient countries, representatives of humanitarian non-governmental organizations, and academic experts.

Since it was launched in March 2006, CERF has allocated more than \$1 billion for humanitarian aid to UN agencies and the International Organization for Migration around the world to assist the most vulnerable in sudden-onset disasters and neglected emergencies. Sixty-five countries have benefited from CERF.

Ninety-three Member States, the Holy See, companies from the private sector such as Western Union, PriceWaterhouseCoopers, and the SCOR Group, and individual donors have contributed more than \$1.1 billion to CERF since its inception.

The Advisory Group of the Central Emergency Response Fund

<u>Ms. Diane Jacovella</u> Vice-President, Sectors and Global Partnerships Branch, CIDA	Canada
<u>Mr. Mati Raidma</u> European Parliamentarian	Estonia (Alternate)
<u>Ms. Ursula Muller</u> Head of Division, Task Force for Humanitarian Aid, Federal Foreign Office	Germany
<u>Mr. George Amoo</u> Former National Coordinator National Disaster Management Organization	Ghana
<u>Mr. Tom Arnold</u> Chief Executive, Concern Worldwide	Ireland (Alternate)
<u>Mr. Koji Tsuruoka</u> Director-General, International Legal Affairs Bureau	Japan
<u>Mr. Ali Duad Mohammed</u> Permanent Secretary Ministry of State for Special Programmes	Kenya (Alternate)
<u>Dr. (Ms.) Jemilah Mahmood</u> President, Malaysian Medical Relief Society	Malaysia
<u>Mr. Ruben Hofliger Topete</u> Director-General, Natural Disaster Fund Coordination, Ministry of the Interior	Mexico
<u>Ms. Yoka Brandt</u> Deputy Director-General International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Netherlands
<u>Ms. Elizabeth Rasmusson</u> Secretary-General, Norwegian Refugee Council	Norway (Alternate)
<u>Ambassador Park Soo-Gil</u> President, UN Association of the Republic of Korea	Republic of Korea
<u>Ambassador Siphon George Nene</u> Deputy-Director-General of Multilateralism, Department of Foreign Affairs	South Africa
<u>Ambassador Juan Pablo De Laiglesia</u> Director, Agency for International Cooperation and Development	Spain
<u>Ambassador (Ms.) Marika Fahlen</u> Special Envoy, Horn of Africa	Sweden
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