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STATEMENT

by H.E. Mr. Nebojša Kaludjerović

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at the High-Level Conference on the Central Emergency Response Fund
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Mr. Under-Secretary-General,

Allow me to begin with congratulating you on convening this important conference whose significance in light of the current global food, financial and energy crises is undisputed.

Central Emergency Response Fund with its broad donor base illustrates strong commitment of Member States to a key element of the UN humanitarian reform. CERF has been recognized as a very successful mechanism in making funding more predictable and equitable, in redressing imbalances in global aid distribution, and especially in providing quick initial life-saving assistance in sudden onset, rapidly deteriorating and underfunded humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters.

Montenegro attaches great importance to the international development cooperation and critical efforts of the international community in tackling challenges of an extraordinary magnitude.

It is, therefore, my pleasure to announce that the Government of Montenegro pledges \$5,000 to CERF for 2009. This represents our modest contribution to the humanitarian work of the United Nations in providing assistance to those most in need.

We believe that in this time of complex challenges, only through the collective efforts of all Member States we will be able to reduce the negative impact of crises in the most vulnerable parts of the world.

Thank you!