

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance

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Mr. President,

Malta would like to associate itself with the statement delivered yesterday by the H.E. The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belgium on behalf of the European Union Member States.

Malta would like to extend its deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to the Government and People of Pakistan as well as to the families and relatives of the victims of the devastating floods in Pakistan. Malta expresses its solidarity with the People and Government of Pakistan during this time of humanitarian crisis.

My Delegation would also like to thank the Foreign Minister of Pakistan for his briefing which makes us understand better the challenges his country is still facing and the suffering of the afflicted Pakistani population. Malta shares his call to and his appeal on the need for the international community to extend its generous support in overcoming this serious calamity of catastrophic proportions.

At the same time, my Delegation would like to take this opportunity to highly commend both the Government of Pakistan and the United Nations, through OCHA, for the immediate and rapid response undertaken to alleviate the tragic consequences of this disaster, in particular by the launching on 11 August of the Initial Floods Emergency Response Plan for Pakistan.

In solidarity with the People and Government of Pakistan, the Government of Malta has decided to allocate a financial contribution of EUROS 10,000 to OCHA's Initial Floods Emergency Response Plan for Pakistan.

Thank you.