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Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that the WMO/ESCAP Panel on Tropical Cyclone Trust Fund (hereinafter referred to as the Fund) has been established to provide support to the Panel to facilitate the implementation of its important programmes, concerning the mitigation of the harmful effects caused by tropical cyclones, associated floods and storm surges. The Fund shall assist in the provision of institutional support to the Panel's Secretariat, programme and other support activities, or activities of Members related to programme objectives.

I wish to convey my most sincere appreciation and thanks to the Panel Members who have provided cash contributions and made pledges to contribute to the Fund.

The Fund has been established from voluntary cash contributions by Members of the Panel. At its forty-third session, (New Delhi, India, 2-6 May 2016), the Panel urged its Members to continue their contributions to the Fund as a substantial support to the Panel's activities.

In view of the above, I should appreciate it if your Government would kindly consider providing a contribution to the Fund for 2017. Contributions to the Fund can be made directly to WMO preferably in the amount of USD 3000 or equivalent in other convertible currency. Acceptance of contributions from other than Members of the Panel is subject to approval by the Panel.

Payment of contributions can be effected either by cheque made to the order of the "World Meteorological Organization" or by transfer to WMO Account No. 240-C0191516.1 with:

UBS SA Case postale 2770 1211 GENEVA 2 Switzerland

IBAN: CH29 0024 0240 C019 1516 1

Swift Code: UBSWCHZH12A

Please mention "Contribution to the WMO/ESCAP Panel on Tropical Cyclones Trust Fund for 2017".

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Permanent Representative of your country with WMO.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(P. Taalas) Secretary-General

To: Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Members of the WMO/ESCAP Panel on Tropical Cyclones

cc: Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Bahrain, Iran, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates (for information)