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Agenda Item 9. International Assistance

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Mr President,

First of all, I want to thank Ambassador Beerwerth for all the work that he has done as Chairman of the VTF Selection Committee. I also want to thank the Secretariat for their work in the daily management of the Trust Fund. We are pleased to hear that the Fund is very successful and functioning well.

As indicated in your report, and in the presentation by the Secretariat, in 2018 the Government of Flanders in Belgium made the first Belgian contribution to the Fund, for an amount of 20 000 EUR. I am now taking the floor to inform you that in principle the Government of Flanders in Belgium will also in 2019 make a contribution to the Fund.

Thank you.