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Excellency,

I am writing with reference to the agreement reached at the 2018 BWC Meeting of States Parties to establish a Working Capital Fund, see paragraph 22(a) of the final report of the MSP (BWC/MSP/2018/6). The Working Capital Fund is to be used “solely as a source of short-term financing pending receipt of reasonably anticipated assessed contributions”, and funding is solicited on a voluntary basis.

Following the circulation on 31 January 2019 of a letter from the Chairman of the 2018 BWC Meeting of States Parties providing additional clarification to assist the United Nations in understanding the intent of States Parties and to facilitate implementation of the measures approved by the 2018 Meeting of States Parties, the Financial Resources Management Service (FRMS) of the United Nations Office at Geneva has now established the Working Capital Fund.

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs welcomes the decision by States Parties to establish such a fund to restore and strengthen the financial resilience of the Convention and to ensure the operational continuity of the Implementation Support Unit to deliver on its mandate.

Any States Parties wishing to provide funding to the Working Capital Fund should contact the Implementation Support Unit to discuss the practical modalities.

The Implementation Support Unit can also provide interested States Parties with a template exchange of letters, which would serve as an agreement on the provision of funding.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anja Kaspersen'.

Anja Kaspersen
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