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**UNOG Executive Briefing with Mr. Tom Fletcher,
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Under-Secretary-General,

On behalf of the Sovereign Order of Malta allow me to join previous speakers in congratulating you upon taking this role as USG for humanitarian affairs and ERC, and thank you for sharing with us your first impressions and insights. As part of the international humanitarian architecture, we share your concerns with regard to the huge challenges we face in many of the 120 countries in which we work.

OCHA and the Order of Malta (through Malteser International, our worldwide relief agency) have a longstanding cooperation in responding to humanitarian emergencies.

At present, we are collaborating closely with OCHA in Lebanon and we are also providing assisting to alleviate the suffering in Gaza.

We would be grateful if you could tell us how you plan to work with faith-based organisations (FBOs) and local religious leaders in addressing humanitarian needs?

The Sovereign Order of Malta wishes you full success in carrying out your mandate and we look forward to continuing our cooperation with OCHA under your leadership.

Thank you.