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these tragic events cannot be prevented, it becomes the responsibility of the International Community, within the framework of our Organization, to be prompt in bringing relief to victims of such acts.

Whether a catastrophe is caused by nature or by fellow humans, it is imperative that we provide immediately for the most pressing needs of civil populations.

In this regard, we would like to congratulate the Office of the under Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator for his continuous efforts, namely for restructuring the Central Emergency Response Fund. Monaco contributes to this Fund and intends to sustain its efforts in financing humanitarian assistance during the years to come.

Before the end of this year, H.S.H. Prince Albert II will again visit Sirombu on the Nias Island in Sri Lanka, a fishermen village, struck two times by nature; first by a tidal wave in December 2004, and then a few months later, by an earthquake. This village has been rebuilt thanks to the efficient and generous actions of MONACO-ASIA Association.

As previously announced here by our Sovereign Prince, during the 2005 World Summit, Monaco has reaffirmed its commitment to the United Nations.

The personal engagement of our Head of State in favor of the defense of the environment is constant. It has recently been manifested through a polar expedition that He has undertaken a hundred years after His Great-Great Grand-father, pioneer of modern oceanography.