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To: Group of 20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors

Africa entered its third year of the COVID pandemic taking lives, destroying livelihoods and setting back years of poverty reduction. Lack of vaccine access and health and social systems weakened by years of underinvestment, deepen this tragedy and will prolong its scars. The additional shock of the war in Ukraine and climate change impacts like famine and prolonged drought, exacerbates food shortages, social instability and economic challenges, while forcing cuts on investments that shield the most vulnerable.

We the undersigned leaders of multiple religious denominations in Africa urge you to:

- Decree debt moratorium and debt relief initiatives for African countries, and take measures, including domestic legislation, to compel full public and private creditor participation and transparency
- Accelerate rechanneling to the continent of Special Drawing Rights from countries able to do so, without adding to debt and creating conditions that worsen poverty, human development or access to essential services, and promote additional and sufficient allocations of Special Drawing Rights
- Mobilize additional resources for Africa through grant and development bank support, and promoting global tax reforms that boost their share in revenue collection
- Support future resilience through accountability, transparency and anti-corruption policies to safeguard that new and freed resources bolster immediate humanitarian needs of affected regions, healthcare, job-creation policies to protect the vulnerable and the environment

Sincerely,

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