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The Debt-Growth Agenda: Unlocking Fiscal Space for Climate Prosperity and Resilience

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Sudan is currently facing the devastating impact of the war on climate change. Sudan is one of the African countries most vulnerable to climate change with rising temperature, changing rainfall patterns, and increased frequency of extreme weather events.

The ongoing war had further exacerbated these challenges leading to displacement and migration, food insecurity, infrastructure damage, electricity infrastructure damage. Furthermore, the electricity sector has been severely impacted with power plants, transmission lines, and distribution infrastructure damaged and destroyed due to the war and climate-related issues.

This has resulted in frequent power outages, increased cuts for businesses' threshold, households, and hindered economic activities. The private service sector, including healthcare and education, has also been impacted with frequent power outages affecting delivery of essential services.

Excellencies, let me be clear. Austerity does not build resilience, investment does. Sudan supports the V20's Debt-Growth Agenda. We cannot stabilize our economy through cuts alone. Borrowing for climate adaptation, for the climate water system, renewable energy, climate-smart agriculture is not risk, it is actually risk management.

We urge the IMF, World Bank, and development partners to support country-led financing through national budget and fiscal plan. Scale up grant-based and long-term low interest finance, and treat loss and damage not as charity, but as financial obligation.

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