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Thank you, Chair, and the V20, for the invitation to join this important gathering, and allow me to stand on existing protocols.

CIF fully supports the V20 Climate Prosperity Plans and country-led investments anchored within ministries of finance. This is, in fact, at the heart of CIF's own approach, working for the last 18 years through the MDBs, including the World Bank. We have partnered with over 80 developing countries across the globe, including Ghana, Bangladesh, and critical vulnerable regions of the Caribbean and the Pacific.

And one lesson is unmistakable. Strong country leadership through ministries of finance and planning is essential. It is what turns ambition into investable projects and creates the conditions to mobilize private capital.

The V20 is right to spotlight resilience as an economic and social imperative. We are, indeed, living in highly unstable times, and this is when investment and resilience is most needed. Take the energy crisis, most countries resilient to today's price and supply shocks set the stage by investing in cleaner, resilient forms of energy.

And CIF has been proud to support many of those first movers. We did so with our pilot program for climate resilience, a billion-dollar program that countries use to prioritize smart agriculture, water stewardship, resilient infrastructure, and with our nature, people, and climate program, where countries use nature as a key dimension of strengthening resilience.

But in today's world, economies must be prepared for multidimensional shocks, severe climate events, human conflict, economic crisis, and pandemics. CIF's groundbreaking pilot program for climate resilience helps 65 million people have better resilience against climate change. We built over US\$2 billion in economic value. This new approach for resilience investment calls for a new way of working. We must integrate energy, nature, resilience, and development, no longer working in separate silos, but really working together in this complex, interconnected, sustainable whole.

And this is why CIF's next generation resilience program, ARISE, is designed to enable countries to embed resilience into economic planning toward development and economic stability. It aims to target the most vital areas of economic stability and establish sustainable financing structures for resilience. So we look forward, as we move toward the COP, including the spotlight on the most vulnerable countries—SIDS and the Pacific—we look forward to deepening collaboration with the V20, MDBs, our partners, through the Climate Prosperity Plans, together for a shared pathway to stability and shared prosperity. Thank you.

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