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**CVF Leaders Meeting on a New Era of Accountability:
An Adaptation Package, Debt Solutions, and Health Resilience for Vulnerable Nations**

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Conference Room 12, UN Headquarters, New York City*

May I thank all members of the CVF-V20 for the opportunity to speak in this important meeting, and to address this critical subject. I am doing this on behalf of the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Eswatini, Mister Russell Dlamini, who could not attend today's session due to other pressing issues back home. I would like to start by extending to you all warm greetings from His Majesty King Mswati III and from the government and the people of the Kingdom of Eswatini.

We are all aware that the CVF-V20 is a coalition of nations dedicated to addressing the pressing challenges of climate change, especially for vulnerable countries. For us, as the Kingdom of Eswatini, efforts to fight climate change and build resilience are important international issues that need the attention of the whole world. Hence, it is opportune and prudent that we are having these discussions during and on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly.

Climate change and vulnerability for us is not a distant story, but a lived reality. We experience its effects on a continuous basis through violent hailstorms, prolonged droughts, and erratic rainfall patterns. These events culminate in hunger, poverty, destruction of critical infrastructure, and general regression of livelihoods.

We, therefore, believe in the exigency of concrete and practical global initiatives that will stop and prevent the decimation of our production, potential retardation of our economic development, and the threatening of our survival as a species. It is against this background that we: one, support the Declaration of the Leaders of the Climate Vulnerability Forum, as tabled; two, align with the request for the Observer Status at the UN for the CVF-V20; and three, call for significant scaling up of climate funding, especially contributions to the Adaptation Fund.

As we drive these processes, it is imperative to act with a sense of urgency as nations, so that we can secure the future of posterity. This will require dedication, collective responsibility, sharing of ideas and technologies, innovation, commitment to clear and coherent policies and programs, and equitable funding for execution. We believe the time to act is now, and with that, thank you.

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