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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*

First of all, let me congratulate you and the Secretariat for leading the discussions that led to the adoption of the CVF Leaders Declaration.

As we move towards COP30 in Belém, Brazil, the Philippines underscores the urgent need for scaled up ambition and action in mitigation, adaptation, and climate finance. We call on developed countries to honor their commitments and provide predictable, accessible, and adequate resources, particularly for adaptation. We support the call for a comprehensive Adaptation Package as an outcome of COP30 to enable vulnerable nations to safeguard their communities and economies.

The Philippines also reiterates its strong support for the operationalization of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage through the establishment and implementation of the Barbados Implementation Modalities. As the host of the Fund's Board, the Philippines is committed to ensuring that it becomes a responsive, transparent, and effective mechanism to address the devastating impacts of climate change that are already being experienced across the most vulnerable countries.

Madam Chair, I just would like to underline that your Prime Minister did indicate a number of important points that we ought to consider, if not in this forum, but in moving forward. And she cited, among others, the immense possibilities, in terms of moving forward on methane reduction, that will unite both the fossil fuel producers as well as the vulnerable countries, because the impact will be a significant reduction in global temperatures. In agriculture, which was another area that she mentioned, the availability, for example, of alternative wet and dry technologies in rice production can considerably reduce greenhouse gas emissions in this sector. In both methane reduction and agriculture, we can explore the availability of carbon credits that would assist and reduce the cost of the transition.

So our message, therefore, Madam Chair and distinguished members, is that the Philippines remains committed to the Climate Vulnerable Forum and the Vulnerable 20 Group of Finance Ministers, and calls on all members to stand united in our advocacy and collective action.

We would like to thank everyone for the cooperation that has been extended in moving our common agenda forward. Thank you.

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