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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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On behalf of the government and the people of the Republic of South Sudan, a nation on the frontlines of climate change, I'm pleased to address you today. We face increasing floods and droughts that threaten food security, considering that over 70% of our population relies on agriculture, livestock, and fisheries.

Against this backdrop, South Sudan hedges that the Baku-to-Belém Roadmap be translated into concrete action and calls for the pledge of US\$1.3 trillion in annual climate finance to become actionable and time-bound, rather than aspirations.

The multilateral development banks must provide concessional long-term climate finance that vulnerable countries desperately need. Excellencies, we are determined to create a resilient future for all South Sudanese. However, we require the support of the developed countries and global community to fulfill our commitments.

We support calls for a comprehensive Adaptation Package that ensures accessible financing, technology transfer, and capacity building for the most vulnerable to build long-term resilience, scale up climate finance for adaptation, and the urgent need to meet US\$1.3 trillion annually by 2035 for climate action.

South Sudan, like many others, struggles with debt burdens that hinder our ability to invest in climate action. We advocate for climate debt swaps and innovative debt relief mechanisms that are sensitive to the needs of climate-impacted countries. We call for global commitments to enhance health resilience through strengthened infrastructure and inclusive health care systems. South Sudan as a proud member of the CVF-V20 fully aligns itself with the ambitious and critical agenda of the Climate Prosperity Plans.

South Sudan would like to voice its strong support for the CVF proposal to gain Observer Status at the United Nations. Our Forum represents over 1.8 billion people worldwide. It deserves a seat and a voice in the UN to amplify the concerns and solutions of climate-vulnerable nations.

We join members in endorsing the CVF Leaders Declaration as the definitive outcome of this Leaders Meeting. In closing, I affirm that the fight against climate change is also a fight for dignity, equity, and survival. Together, through an Adaptation Package, Debt Solutions, and Health Resilience, we can forge a pathway to safeguard our nations and secure a future where the vulnerable countries are left to face this crisis alone.

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