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DRAW A RED LINE TO THE ERA OF BILLIONAIRES

Dear President Ramaphosa,

As you hold the Presidency of the G20, the group of the world's richest nations, the inequality crisis is quickly deepening. This crisis is not an accident, but the outcome of a system built to favour the very few at the top at the expense of the rest. People across the world are speaking up and the pressure for change is growing. They are no longer waiting for world leaders to fix the inequality crisis. They are drawing a red line to the era of billionaires. It is high time that the G20 responds with decisive action.

We write as people on these frontlines of inequality and climate breakdown across the Global South and allies. We draw the red line to this era of extreme wealth and rule by the rich and powerful. We draw the line because this is no longer a time for half measures and empty words.

Members of the G20 have the ability to drive real change. Yet G20 countries have continued to look away from the deep, structural transformations the world urgently needs.

This Presidency of the G20 held for the fourth year in a row in the Global South - and now for the first time on African soil - brings the neocolonial nature of the global finance architecture, and its huge impacts on global inequality into sharp view. In the current polycrisis, the global majority are bearing the brunt of this system that has neither been structurally nor economically decolonized.

The Presidency of the G20 provides you with an opportunity to take truly bold steps to make the richest pay their fair share in taxes and to cancel the debt. There is an urgent need to transform the current regressive taxation system that has shifted the burden from the corporations and wealthy class to the poor class. The debt crisis is also placing crippling burdens on peoples in the Global South who are living at the sharp end of inequality and are facing the brunt of the climate crisis. Predatory loan practices, which has financiers borrowing to already highly indebted Global South countries at higher interest, is deepening this global divide. Over 3.4 billion people now live in a country where their governments are caught between meeting rising interest payments or staffing hospitals, building schools and investing in climate resilient infrastructure.

We urge you to guide the G20 in agreeing on:

1. **Taxing the super-rich** to redistribute extreme wealth and fund essential services.
2. **Cancelling debts** that are crippling countries' ability to invest in people and the planet.
3. **Establishing new global financial rules** -- reflecting the aspirations of people everywhere -- that put people and the planet, not profit, at the centre.

As G20 Finance Ministers meet this week for the last time ahead of November's leaders summit, now is the time for bold action that history will judge as a legacy worth leaving.

Yours sincerely,

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Acción Ecológica - Ecuador

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Actionaid International - Nepal

Actions Des Femmes Marginalisées Pour Le Développement (AFMD ABSL) - Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

Activista Zambia

Africa Climate And Health Alliance - Kenya

Africa Development Interchange Network

Africa UBI Observatory - South Africa

African Coalition On Green Growth

African Parliamentary Network on Illicit Financial Flows and Taxation - Zimbabwe

Akina Mama wa Afrika - Uganda

Aksi! For Gender, Social And Ecological Justice - Indonesia

All India Women Hawkers Federation - India

All Nepal Peasants Federation Kathmandu - Nepal

Alternative Information & Development Centre - South Africa

Alto Al FMI - Argentina

Amnesty International

Anjuman E Mazareen Punjab - Pakistan

Asia Development Alliance

Asian Peoples' Movement On Debt And Development

Asociación Campesina Del Catatumbo - Colombia

Association For Promotion Sustainable Development

Attac Cadtm Burkina - Burkina Faso

Attac France

Autoconvocatoria Por La Suspensión Del Pago Y La Investigación De La Deuda - ALC

AwazCDS - Pakistan

Bangladesh Krishok Federation

Biowatch South Africa

Bodi Svetloba - Slovenia

BRICS Feminist Watch

CAMP - South Africa

Catalyst Centre

Center For Economic And Social Rights

Centre For Climatology And Applied Research

Centre For Environmental Justice

Centre For Financial Accountability - India

Centre For Social Change (University Of Johannesburg) - South Africa

Centro De Estudios De Derecho, Justicia Y Sociedad - Dejusticia - Colombia

Chitwan Sakriya Women's Foundation - Nepal
Christian Aid
Climate Action Network International
Climate Action Network Latin America
Climate Generation
Climate Watch Thailand
Coalición Nacional De Mujeres Rurales AC - Mexico
Colectiva De Trabajadoras Del Hogar Y De Los Cuidados - El Salvador
Colectiva Eco Ch'Ulel - Mexico
Committee for the Abolition of Illegitimate Debt (CADTM) International
Committee for the Abolition of Illegitimate Debt (CADTM) Asia
COSATU - South Africa
Crofter Foundation - Pakistan
Daughters Of Mumbi Global Resource Center - Kenya
Debt Justice UK
Deca, Equipo Pueblo - México
Development Three Sixty - Zambia
Dhoritri Rokkhay Amra - Bangladesh
Digo Bikas Institute - Nepal
Diálogo 2000 - Jubileo Sur Argentina
Ek Artha Foundation - Nepal
Emmaus International
Environment Law Society - Nepal
Equal Right - UK
Estonian Green Movement - Estonia
Federation Of Community Forestry Users - Nepal
Fight Inequality Alliance
Fight Inequality Alliance - India
Fight Inequality Alliance - Mexico
Fight Inequality Alliance - Nepal
FIAN - Sri Lanka
Fight Inequality Alliance - Kenya
Fight Inequality Alliance - Zambia
Fight Inequality Alliance - Zimbabwe
Financial Justice Ireland
Finnish Development NGOs Fingo - Finland
Food Sovereignty And Climate Justice Forum - Nepal
Frente Nacional Por Las 40 Horas - Mexico
Socialismo O Extinción - México
Promotora Asamblearia Pilares - Mexico
Friends of the Earth - Grenada
Friends of the Earth - Ghana
Ganda Yuba Sangathan Odisha - India
Geledés - Black Woman Institute - Brasil
General Federation Of Nepalese Trade Unions
Gestoría Y Asesoría Integral Agropecuaria - Mexico
Global Call To Action Against Poverty

Global Social Justice
Global Youth Ambassadors Against Inequality & Discrimination - India
Grandmothers Advocacy Network - Canada
Green Leaf Advocacy And Empowerment Center - Nigeria
Greenpeace Africa
Greenpeace International
groundWork - South Africa
Growthwatch - India
Hari Jeddojehad Committee Sindh - Pakistan
Human Environmental Association For Development (HEAD) - Lebanon
Human Rights Alliance - Nepal
Humanitarian Institute Nepal
ICDC Nepal
Inclusive Society Institute - South Africa
Indigenous Women Legal Awareness Group - Nepal
Indonesia For Global Justice
Inesc - Instituto De Estudos Socioeconômicos - Brasil
Institute For Economic Justice - South Africa
Jagriti Child And Youth Concern Nepal
Japan NGO Center For International Cooperation
Jiwanta Nepal
Jonuel Entrepreneurship Foundation - Zambia
Jubileo Sur/Américas
Jubileu Sul Brasil
Kamaiya Mahila Jagaran Samaj - Nepal
Karnali Integrated Rural Development And Research Center - Nepal
Kasa/Werkstatt Ökonomie - Germany
Kisan Karkeela Organization - Pakistan
Kruha - Indonesia
La Miscelanea - Mexico
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LDC Watch - Belgium
Lutte Nationale Contre La Pauvreté - Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
Manica Youth Assembly Trust - Zimbabwe
Maryknoll Office For Global Concerns - USA
Movement For Advancing Understanding Of Sustainability And Mutuality - India
Menafem Movement For Economic, Development And Ecological Justice - MENA
Miscelánea Oaxaqueña De Acción Común - Mexico
Mobilize - South Africa
Mouvement Ecologique - Luxembourg
National Campaign For Sustainable Development - Nepal
National Council Of Women Leaders - India
National Farmers Group Federation - Nepal
National Federation Of Technical & Industrial Workers - Bangladesh
National Freedom Front - Zambia
National Hawkers Federation - India
National Indigenous Disabled Women Association - Nepal

National Youth Equity Forum - India
Nepal Mahila Ekata Samaj
Oxfam International
Pakistan Development Alliance
Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum
Pakistan Kissan Rabita Committee
Pakistan Labor Qoumi Movement
Patriotic Millionaires International
Perkumpulan Sembada Bersama - Indonesia
Phakama Community Development - South Africa
PKRC Balochistan, Killah Abdullah Youth - Pakistan
Plataforma Portuguesa Das Ongd (Portuguese Platform Of Development NGOs) - Portugal
Plateforme Haïtienne De Plaidoyer Pour Un Développement Alternatif - Haiti
Power Shift Nepal
Quest For Growth And Development Foundation - Nigeria
Red Vests Movement - Kenya
Red Vive Libre Colectiva - Mexico
Resistencia Obrera Guanajuato - Mexico
Rural Development Organization
Rural Reconstruction - Nepal
SAGRC - South Africa
Samata - India
SDG Action Alliance/ GCAP - Bangladesh
Siddhartha Social Development Center - Nepal
Sinatsisa Lubombo Women And Girls Empowerment Organization - Eswatini
Sindhiani Tahreek - Pakistan
Solidaritas Perempuan - Indonesia
Somo - Centre For Research On Multinational Companies - Netherlands
South Asia Alliance For Poverty Eradication
Southern Africa Climate Change Network
Southern Africa Trust
Südwind - Austria
Tameer e Nou Women Worker's Organization - Pakistan
Tax Justice UK
Tequio Digital - Mexico
The Activist Network
Tribeless Youth - Kenya
Vision 40 Youth Foundation - Zambia
Vostile Creatives Trust - Zimbabwe
Waterkeepers - Bangladesh
Wellbeing Economy Alliance
Wemos
Women's Environment And Development Organization
Youth Advocacy - Nepal
Youth Welfare Younger Blood Donor Association - Pakistan
Zambia Council For Social Development
Zimbabwe Climate Change Coalition

Zimbabwe Coalition on Debt and Development