

## TO THE PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER, AND TREASURER OF AUSTRALIA

This petition of concerned people put forward by Caritas Australia, inspired by our belief in justice and dignity for all, draws the attention of Australia's leaders to the fact that:

- (1) The world is facing a debt crisis, created by governments, multilateral and private banks imposing unjust and unpayable debts on developing countries.
- (2) The debt crisis is further entrenching global poverty and limiting the ability of countries to provide health and social services, disaster response and other essential services.
- (3) There isn't a mechanism to renegotiate debts. Current international financial infrastructure doesn't have a mechanism for countries and lenders to negotiate a fair and equitable response when countries face debt stress.
- (4) This is the Jubilee Year and therefore a time for forgiveness. The Jubilee Year is a time to cancel debts and restore fairness and uphold dignity.

We, the undersigned, together with people all over the world, call on public, private and multilateral creditors, along with political leaders, to:

- 1. Stop the debt crisis now by cancelling and remedying unjust and unsustainable debts, without economic policy conditions.
- 2. Prevent debt crises from happening again by addressing their root causes, reforming the global financial system to prioritise people and the planet.
- 3. Establish a permanent, transparent, binding and comprehensive debt framework within the United Nations.

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