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Mr. Dominique Strauss-Kahn  
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Dear Mr. Strauss-Kahn,

During the G20 meeting in London on April 2, the Declaration on Delivering Resources through the International Financial Institutions stated support for a:

*“doubling of the IMF’s concessional lending for low income countries and a doubling of access limits, within the Debt Sustainability Framework (DSF). We have committed, consistent with the new income model, that additional resources from agreed sales of IMF gold will be used, together with surplus income, to provide \$6 billion additional concessional and flexible finance for the poorest countries over the next two to three years. We call on the IMF to come forward with concrete proposals at the Spring Meetings.”*

In anticipation of the Spring Meetings, 25-26 April, in Washington DC, we call on members of the IMF’s International Monetary and Financial Committee and the World Bank-IMF Development Committee as well as any IMF committee tasked with developing proposals to fulfill on the G20 commitment, to ensure the following reforms are incorporated in the final proposal:

- **The IMF must phase out those activities outside its areas of core competence** such as those of the Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility (PRGF). The IMF does not have a mandate for, or competence in, the long-term development of low-income countries. IMF resources channeled through the PRGF and from the proceeds of gold sales should support grant assistance or debt relief and be directed to an appropriate aid mechanism. The IMF’s Policy Support Instrument (PSI) should also be phased out, in order to end the IMF’s monopoly on ‘signaling’ to donors whether or not developing countries warrant support.
- **The IMF must eliminate harmful conditions linked with its loan programs and other instruments.** The IMF should end its tradition of requiring countries to implement contractionary policies in economic recessions. For instance, the IMF should ensure that expanded investment in health and education are not subjected to overall budget caps and that subsidies that cushion the impact of the crisis on poor people are not eliminated. The IMF has made progress toward eliminating wage bill ceilings as conditions for lending, but it should stop this practice entirely. In addition, the IMF should stop directing countries to engage in privatization of services or financial sector liberalization through its loans and other instruments.

We also urge the IMF to open its consultations with Ministries of Finance to include Ministries of Health, Education and Development, pertinent parliamentary committees with oversight on all related matters and civil society, in the development and finalization of proposals to ensure that going forward, IMF policies support countries’ efforts to scale up investments and access to quality health and education for all.

Sincerely,

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Action Group for Health, Human Rights and HIV/AIDS (AGHA), Uganda  
Act Up-Paris, France  
Actwid Kongadzem NGO, Cameroon  
Africa Action, USA  
African Council for Sustainable Health Development (ACOSHED), Nigeria  
African Forum on Alternatives, Senegal  
Africa Public Health Alliance & 15% Campaign, Nigeria  
Afro Global Alliance, Ghana  
Aid for AIDS International, USA  
AIDES, France  
AIDS Action Foundation, St. Lucia  
AIDS & Rights Alliance for Southern Africa, Namibia  
AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition, USA  
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Alianza Social Continental Capitulo Perú / Peruvian Chapter of the Hemispheric Social Alliance,  
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Association African Solidarité, Burkina Faso  
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Centre for Civil Society Economic Justice Project, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South  
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Civil Society Trade Network of Zambia (CSTNZ)  
Coalition of Agricultural Workers International (CAWI), Malaysia  
Coalition PLUS, France-Morocco-Mali-Québec/Canada-Ecuador  
Comité Regional de Promoción de Salud Comunitaria - Latin America  
Community Initiative for Tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and Malaria plus related diseases (CITAM+),  
Zambia  
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EMPOWER, India  
Equal Opportunities, Tajikistan  
Equal to Equal, Kazakhstan  
Essential Action, USA  
Eurasian Harm Reduction Network (EHRN), Lithuania  
European AIDS Treatment Group (EATG), Belgium.  
Family Care International, USA  
Federacion Latinoamericana de Asociaciones de Familiares de Detenidos Desaparecidos  
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Forum For African Women Educationalists, Sierra Leone  
Forum Francophone de lutte contre la TB/VIH (based in Burkina Faso)  
Frente Social y Popular del Paraguay  
Gender Action, USA  
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Health Connections International (HCI), Netherlands  
Heal the Land Initiative, Nigeria  
Health GAP (Global Access Project), USA  
Health NGOs Network (HENNET), Kenya  
Health Workforce Advocacy Initiative (HWAI)  
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Human Development Trust, Tanzania  
Humanity for Orphans, Youth and Widows Initiatives, Kenya  
INERELA+ Asia/Pacific, India  
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International Treatment Preparedness Coalition, India  
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Kenya AIDS NGOs Consortium (KANCO)

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National Youth Coalition on Sexual and Reproductive Rights, Sri Lanka  
Nava Kiran Plus, Nepal  
New Rules for Global Finance Coalition, USA  
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United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society, USA  
Vision and Hope Foundation, Zimbabwe  
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VSO International, UK  
War on Want, UK  
White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood  
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- Joseph Stiglitz, Chair of the UN Commission on the financial crisis
- Members of the IMF's International Monetary and Financial Committee
- Members of the World Bank-IMF Development Committee

- Members of the IMF Board of Governors
- Members of the IMF Executive Board