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**REMARKS AT ANNUAL MINISTERIAL MEETING OF FOREIGN
MINISTERS OF LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

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The specific challenges and vulnerabilities of Landlocked Developing Countries are well-documented.

But they do not receive nearly enough global attention and support.

Solidarity is missing in action just when we need it most.

Excellencies,

We need solidarity and we need action.

First, action to reform an outdated, unjust, and dysfunctional financial system.

That is why I have been advocating for deep structural changes to make global governance including the Bretton Woods system truly universal and more needs of developing economies.

But I know that change takes time. Which is why I have put forward concrete measures we can take right now, including an SDG Stimulus of at least \$500 billion per year.

Together with more contingency financing for countries in need, and a more effective debt workout mechanism, these measures would go a long way in ensuring you have the financing you need to weather and invest in sustainable development.

I am encouraged by the support

