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AT THE FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE ERA OF
COVID-19 AND BEYOND:
HIGH LEVEL VIRTUAL MEETING OF HEADS OF STATE AND
GOVERNMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL
DEBT ARCHITECTURE AND LIQUIDITY
ON
29TH MARCH, 2021

~~Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Lilongwe 3.
March, 2021.~~

Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada;

*Right Honourable Andrew Holness, the Prime Minister of
Jamaica;*

Mr Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary General;

Excellencies; and

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. I am pleased to participate in this virtual meeting with you today. It is a privilege to be joined by the Prime Minister of Canada, the Prime Minister of Jamaica, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and other distinguished leaders. We are gathered here to discuss the challenges we face in the current global context and to explore ways in which we can work together to address these challenges. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought the world to a standstill, and we are all feeling the impact of this crisis. It is a time of great uncertainty and challenge, but it is also a time of opportunity. We have the chance to build a more resilient and inclusive world, one that is better equipped to handle future crises. We need to work together to ensure that no one is left behind and that we can all emerge from this crisis stronger and more united. I look forward to hearing from you and to working with you to find solutions to the challenges we face.

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