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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada,

We, the undersigned members of the Canadian Christian Relief & Development Association, which includes over 50 Christian relief & development agencies, working in over 100 countries and investing in excess of \$850 million dollars in global development, ***affirm the decision of the Canadian government to work towards an equitable system of vaccine distribution. Further, we encourage our government to ensure its pledges are met as quickly as possible.***

Our international development community supports our country's commitment to leading the way with the G7 and other donor countries in their pledge of funds to the COVAX Facility and the ACT-Accelerator programs. We believe that the global response to the COVID-19 pandemic needs to be timely and equitable if it is to be successful.

Recognising that the COVAX Facility will have a mechanism to allow countries to donate or exchange surplus vaccine doses, we ask the Canadian government to commit its surplus doses to the COVAX program to improve access to populations of lower-income economies.

We believe that Canada has the capacity to lead the way in championing the equitable distribution of vaccines, and believe this will continue to serve the interests of all Canadians as we look toward future international travel, development, business, global health and security.

Thank you for your efforts; we encourage you to continue to take bold action to address this pandemic in a way that serves Canadians and the world as a whole.

Yours,

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CC. The Honourable Karina Gould, Minister of International Development

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