**Re: HRC Resolution 47/24 – Human Rights and Climate Change**

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I submit a contribution to the research and report that the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) is preparing in accordance with Human Rights Council resolution 47/24 entitled “Human Rights and Climate Change”.

I am sending inputs for this report by e-mail to [registry@ohchr.org](mailto:registry@ohchr.org) with copy to [tarnesen@ohchr.org](mailto:tarnesen@ohchr.org).

The example below is a set of recommendations made by The Right Honorable  **Prime Minister of Barbados, Mia Amor Mottley,** at the recent COP26 in Glasgow, UK. Briefly, her proposals included reference to the small island nation of Dominica, devastated by Hurricane Maria in 2017.

In 2017, Hurricane Maria hit Dominica inflicting a staggering 226% GDP loss to the island. “What insurance premium would they have to pay to protect them from that?” she asked. Human Rights are then at the mercy of the elements as citizens are reduced to basic survival strategies during recovery. Fundamental balance in care for these victims must be a moral imperative to secure Human Rights for all.

***Instead, she proposed that 1% of revenues from the sale of fossil fuels in countries that contributed most to climate change go into a loss and damage fund. This, she said, would generate over $70bn per year. Access to the fund would be limited to countries that had suffered a climate-related disaster and incurred losses of more than 5% of their economy. She urged the COP26 leaders to “try harder now.”***

***She further explained that Central Banks did $25 trillion of quantitative easing in the past 13 years. She offered her proposal for $500 billion per year from wealthy nations in Sustainable Development Investing for 20 years. This fund would be put in trust to finance the energy transition and is only 2% of the $25 trillion spent by the Central Banks earlier. These funds would be available in special drawing rights held by the IMF.***

Her speech in Glasgow can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PN6THYZ4ngM>

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