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Christine Lagarde  
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Dear Managing Director Lagarde,

We are grateful for the IMF's desire to aid those countries impacted by Hurricane Irma. We also appreciate your continued leadership with the IMF's emphasis on gender equality and addressing global inequality.

On behalf of Jubilee USA's nearly 700 national and local faith institutions, we invite the IMF to implement an immediate moratorium on debt payments for countries severely impacted by the Category 5 storm until they have rebuilt and recovered. For example, the nation of Antigua and Barbuda has almost \$3 million in debt payments due to the Fund today and a debt payment moratorium could immediately be put into rebuilding Barbuda where almost the entire population is homeless.

We would also encourage the use of grants, as opposed to loans, for islands recovering from the crisis.

We and our membership continue to hold you and all who work at the IMF in our prayers as you address global poverty and inequality.

Respectfully,

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