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Dear Professor Müller,

I would like to thank you for your engagement with Vanuatu on finding innovative solutions to financing solutions to address expanding loss and damage needs. With every fraction of a degree of global heating caused by fossil fuel expansion, the people, economy and ecosystems of Vanuatu suffer unimaginable harm.

Our government is committed to demonstrating sustainable models of finance for loss and damage, including by acting as a first mover, where possible given our status as a recently graduated LDC and a Small Island Developing State.

Vanuatu has made specific commitments on this issue in the Port Vila Call to Action for a Just Transition to a Fossil Fuel Free Pacific, as we have agreed to “Implementing and developing national capacity on innovative means of mobilising finance for a just transition.”

Similarly in a joint communique between the Republic of France and the Republic of Vanuatu, our heads of governments called for “new, additional and scaled up public sector finance, as well as funding arrangements and flows from innovative sources ...for adequately capitalising the new Loss & Damage Fund and Funding Arrangements, through public and private sources and innovative finance such as taxation.”

I appreciate your inspiring work over the last two decades in promoting air-ticket solidarity levies for supporting developing countries in coping with adverse impacts of climate change, culminating in the current proposal for an [Climate Solidarity Alliance](#) of high ambition nations considering national air-passenger solidarity levies as an innovative source of Loss & Damage funding, with a view to an announcement of this alliance at COP28 in the United Arab Emirates.

I would request that you keep Vanuatu fully informed about the Alliance proposal, as we continue to simultaneously and domestically consider all avenues to raise finance for the loss and damage already severely affecting our nation.

Yours sincerely,

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