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We stand at a critical juncture where the global financial architecture must transition from extractive economic systems toward a framework grounded on human rights and feminist-centered, equitable economic systems. This transformation is urgent as the ongoing war and its economy have detrimental effects on the people and the planet, disproportionately impacting the rights of women and girls and gender diverse people, particularly in the Global South.

We cannot accept a "business-as-usual" approach. We recommend the following transformative actions:

- Defund wars and prioritise public investment in essential services such as health including universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights services, education, and the social organisation of care as foundational responsibilities for achieving gender equality and sustainable development. Private financing mechanisms must not substitute public provision, especially when they risk increasing costs or deepening social inequalities.
- Transform the international financial architecture that reinforces global inequality. Reform of Special Drawing Rights by decoupling them from IMF quotas to provide accessible, unconditional financing for the Global South. Eliminate the Investor-State Dispute Settlement mechanisms to allow states to regulate in the public interest without fear of corporate litigation.

- Center gender-transformative financing. Put an end to the regression of women's human rights language in policy spaces. Invest a minimum of 20% of bilateral assistance in initiatives where gender equality is the principal objective. Address the structural undervaluation of care work, which remains the backbone of our economies yet limits women's economic agency.

Just, responsive and people-centered multilateralism requires global solidarity based on peace and self-determination. And lastly, we demand to stop the war and urgently address systemic issues to truly achieve a gender-transformative economic system based on rights, justice, reparations and care. Thank you.