Yet, more than 5 billion vaccines have been bought by rich countries - in some cases more than twice their needs - while small island states, within their neighborhood, have received minuscule amounts.

The Caribbean SIDS are potentially a few months away from their next catastrophic hurricane and now run the risk of the possible calamitous spread of COVID among unvaccinated individuals clustering in shelters.

We too have contributed to humanity's growth and development.

We too deserve equitable treatment now and in the future.

Excellencies

We have offered ideas to re-design the international debt architecture and to build a bridge to recovery that works to benefit the world.

We urge that they be given serious and favorable consideration.

Thank You.