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His Excellency Yoweri Museveni  
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Your Excellency:

One of the many good memories I took away from my visit with you this January is of the generosity of the Ugandan people in hosting large numbers of refugees from neighboring countries. We all understand that refugees, fleeing from conflict, abandoning their possessions, often even leaving family behind, are among the most vulnerable and deserve our full support. With your integrative model of hosting refugees, providing them with land to farm, giving them access to health services and schooling for their children, as well as allowing them to work, Uganda is an example to us all for how to welcome those in dire need.

Supporting refugees is a task that cannot be borne by one country alone, but one that must also be shouldered by the international community. Uganda has shared generously, while also striving to meet the development needs of its own citizens. The international community, with the UNHCR in the lead, has stepped in to provide emergency relief and start to meet the long-term needs of refugees and their host communities. With the growing number of refugees, now is the time to put this support on a sound and predictable financial footing to ensure that refugees and host communities have the assistance they need. This summit, co-hosted by yourself and Secretary General Guterres, is the opportunity for the international community to affirm its solidarity through concrete support.

I wish you success with the Solidarity Summit and regret, that due to prior commitments, I was not able to participate personally.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine Lagarde".

cc: Mr. Mkwezalamba, Executive Director, IMF