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To the Managing Director, IMF
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Regarding: appeal for Sri Lanka debt cancellation

Dear Mrs. Georgieva,

On January 12th, 2023, you received a letter from Mr. Anton Marcus on behalf of nine trade unions and trade union organizations regarding the current debt and social and economic crisis in Sri Lanka. Referring to the appeal made by 182 academics and experts to all lenders on 8 January 2023, the trade union representatives requested the IMF to realize debt cancellation to provide a way out of the current crisis, while protecting the poor.

The undersigned organizations wholeheartedly support the appeal by the Sri Lankan trade union representatives. Besides debt cancellation and measures to protect the poor, we believe that this needs to go hand-in-hand with measures to address structural economic imbalances. For instance, with regard to Sri Lanka's main export sector, garments, the factory workers receive poverty wages, unable to support regular meals and medical care while factory owners retain income abroad and fashion brands continue to profit from significant financial returns.

We trust that the IMF will be able to support Sri Lanka to find a way out of the current debt crisis, while promoting policies to protect the poor and eradicate fraud and corruption.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of Labour behind the Label, Maquila Solidarity Network, War on Want/ Workers United,
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