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**The Prime Minister,  
10 Downing St, Westminster,  
London SW1A 2AA – UNITED KINGDOM.**

Dear Prime Minister,

**Ref: Letter of Appeal**

At the heart of my faith is the teaching to have the poorest and most vulnerable closest to our hearts and to love our neighbour as we do ourselves.

I love my country Zambia. It is beautiful. We have been blessed with many natural resources, much of which have created wealth for UK companies and the UK government. We are part of the Commonwealth, something which we know you feel “represents the best of humanity” with its values and co-operation. In my country, Zambia, over 60% (8 million people) of my brothers and sisters are living in extreme poverty. Thankfully, in Ukraine, there are hardly any of our brothers and sisters who face extreme poverty. Although surprised by your comparison of our two countries, I know that poverty comes in different shapes and forms.

We have always valued and respected the love that we have been shown in tackling poverty through your aid budget. This has been invaluable to us in getting our children to school, to drink clean water and to create jobs for our young people. Therefore, I sincerely hope that the changes to your international development that we have heard about in our papers and media do not mean that you are turning away from the poorest and most vulnerable. As Bishops here in Zambia, we see it as our duty to encourage and ensure that our government upholds the highest standards. The Holy Father, Pope Francis, constantly reminds us that public office is a vocation which must be used for the benefit of the common good.

With the above in mind, I pray that you will hold the people of Zambia in your heart as these changes are made and use your precious gift of the aid budget for the common good.

Yours sincerely,

Rt. Rev. George Cosmas Zumaire Lungu,  
**Bishop of Chipata,  
ZCCB PRESIDENT.**

