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ACT NOW. Keep the promise

Dear Taoiseach,

I am writing to ask you to ensure that Ireland keeps its promise to the world: to spend at least 0.7% of national income annually on overseas aid by 2015 at the latest - or just 70 cents in every €100.

While Ireland is facing significant challenges as a result of the global economic crisis, many developing countries face much bigger economic, financial, hunger and debt crises. They need significant investment to stimulate growth and tackle poverty.

They urgently need Ireland, as a traditional friend to the world's poor, to keep its promise and deliver on its international commitment on overseas aid.

At the Millennium Summit in 2000, the heads of state of 189 countries agreed on eight Millennium Development Goals designed to halve extreme poverty by 2015.

This concerted drive against poverty is making a difference and a new report from the UN Millennium Campaign shows that African countries top the list of the 20 countries making most progress.

But this huge global effort needs financial support and, with just 5 years to go to the MDG deadline, Ireland needs to stick to its commitments.

Please use your influence to deliver on our aid promise and protect Ireland's international goodwill, vital in a competitive globalised world, as a small but important actor that looks to achieve the common good rather than narrow, short-term national interests.

Act Now
on 2015
Deliver Ireland's Aid Promise

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Please return this sheet to; Tearfund Ireland, 5-7 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1. We will hand the completed sheets to The Taoiseach along with a message from church leaders across Ireland. Thank you.

