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**PRIME MINISTER'S SCRUM WITH ZIMBABWEAN PRIME**  
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RT. HON. STEPHEN HARPER (Prime Minister of Canada): Well, I'll thank everybody for coming, and welcome, Prime Minister. It's a delight to meet you. I know we've tried on a couple of other occasions when you've been in North America, so I'm glad we've had this opportunity. We're delighted to see you in the government of Zimbabwe and doing your best to make some progress, and as you know, we're very anxious to do what we can to push your country in a very different direction than it's gone in some recent years. Also delighted to find out that you have a son and daughter-in-law near my home base in Calgary, studying, so as I was saying to you, don't believe anyone when they say this is cold here. But welcome. Great to meet you and all the best in your attempts to turn your country around.

MORGAN TSVANGIRAI (Prime Minister of Zimbabwe): Thank you, Prime Minister. Thank you, members of the media. I'm sure I can safely say that after almost one years of the inclusive government, there is progress in Zimbabwe. And that the people of Zimbabwe are seeing that this is an irreversible transition. And hopefully that with the assistance of the world, both humanitarian and development aid, we should see Zimbabwe moving forward rather than sliding back into chaos again. I'm sure that together with our allies, you are constantly monitoring the progress that we are making and that progress need to be rewarded, not necessarily in a situation in which you forget that we have not reached the optimum, but that that progress, together with the seven leaders, we'll see Zimbabwe moving forward. So it is a pleasure to meet you, Honourable Prime Minister. As for

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the cold, I don't dare to compare. You know, Africa hates the cold, so...  
(LAUGHTER) So we are really an endangered species here. Thank you.

RT. HON. STEPHEN HARPER: Thanks, Prime Minister.

DIMITRI SOUDAS (attaché de presse du Premier ministre du Canada) : (Inaudible) la Presse canadienne.

NON-IDENTIFIÉE : (Inaudible)

DIMITRI SOUDAS : Hillary (inaudible) Canadian Press.

JOURNALISTE : Donc c'est une question pour Monsieur le Premier ministre. Les banquiers qui sont ici disent que la nouvelle réglementation risque d'étouffer la reprise économique. En même temps les gouvernements proposent des reformes divergentes. En tant que hôte du G20, qu'est-ce que vous allez faire pour que le monde trouve une approche coordonnée? Et veuillez répondre en anglais et en français, s'il vous plait.

TR. HON. STEPHEN HARPER : Je vais discuter cette question un peu plus demain, mais la position du Canada est claire. Nous avons un système de réglementation au plus haut niveau du monde. Nous avons eu la crise financière mondiale sans un échec d'une banque ou d'une institution, d'une institution financière, et nous sommes très fiers de notre système, et nous voulons...nous voulons bâtir sur notre succès jusqu'à maintenant. Nous...c'est essentiel d'avoir des systèmes de réglementation efficaces, mais pas excessifs, et c'est l'approche canadienne et c'est l'approche que nous allons encourager parmi (inaudible) du G20.

So just to repeat that, I'll talk a little bit more about this subject tomorrow. As you know, Canada has a very successful system of financial regulation. It's not perfect, but it has weathered, it's caused our

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financial sector to weather this financial crisis very well. We have the strongest financial sector in the world, the strongest set of financial institutions in the world. That is due in part to the success of the Canadian regulatory system. Our system is based on good and active regulation, but not on excessive regulation. And that's the approach that I'll be talking about tomorrow and that we'll be encouraging among members of the G20.

DIMITRI SOUDAS: Terry Milewski, CBC.

REPORTER: Thank you, Prime Minister. I'd also appreciate it if you'd answer in both languages, if you don't mind. My question is about your announcement yesterday that you intend to make your top priority for the G8 the health of the world's poorest women and children. We haven't yet heard from you exactly what you proposed and how much you propose to spend on it. Other countries have long since committed not only to this cause, but have put billions of dollars on the table. So what exactly do you propose, and how much will you spend?

RT. HON. STEPHEN HARPER: Well, I'd say on the contrary, Canada's record in terms of previous G8 commitments has been the strongest. We have been the quickest and most consistent in reaching commitments that we make at these international summits. Our view is that this is an area with modest investments, where the world can make real, significant, meaningful progress that really helps the lives of ordinary people, literally saves lives, helps women and children, and helps people have a much brighter future. We're obviously going to be talking about this with our partners at the G8. This is the cause, mother's health and children's health, that we want to champion and that we want to get a shared effort around as we go forward. We've had very good, we've been talking to our partners about

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this over the last few weeks. We've had very good response, and I'm very optimistic that the G8 will embrace this particular cause and move forward and actually achieve some very worthy goals for the sake of many, many desperate people around the world.

Alors la même chose en français, premièrement, je dois dire que le bilan du Canada est clair. Quand nous faisons des engagements au sommet du G8, des autres sommets, le Canada a toujours respecté ses engagements. En fait si on regarde les engagements de doubler les fonds pour l'aide humanitaire pour le développement, le Canada atteindre ses objectifs plus vite que les autres. Et maintenant qu'est-ce qu'on peut faire? Dans un environnement à l'avenir, tous les pays vont avoir des situations fiscales un peu plus...un peu plus étroites qu'au passé, et qu'est-ce qu'on peut faire avec des montants modestes pour faire des vraies améliorations dans des vies des personnes? Et nous avons discuté ça pendant les semaines récentes avec nos partenaires du G8, et nous sommes convaincus qu'une emphase sur la santé maternelle, la santé des enfants est la façon de faire...qui pourrait faire une grande différence dans la vie, littéralement de sauver les vies pour le plus grand nombre de personnes. Et nous sommes déterminés d'être des champions de cette cause pendant notre présidence du G8, et comme je viens de dire, j'ai beaucoup de confiance que nos partenaires vont avoir des priorités, des mêmes priorités que nous.

DIMITRI SOUDAS: We'll get a quick handshake...

RT. HON. STEPHEN HARPER: Yeah, absolutely.

DIMITRI SOUDAS: Great, thank you very much, everybody. Thank you.

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