Political Candidates’ Pledge

By signing this pledge, I commit to using my influence and my vote to help bring about a peaceful end to mass impoverishment.

1. I agree that it is the duty of every elected government to govern on behalf of the whole population, not of a small minority, and I support putting that duty into law.

2. I accept that GDP and short-term deficit are inadequate measurements of government performance, and support the calculation and publication of the following figures:
   i. the impoverishment ratio: the proportion of the population whose income has fallen in real terms; and
   ii. the leave-behind ratio: the proportion of the population whose real income has grown more slowly than real per capita GDP.

3. I will work for economic policies that ensure that economic growth is fairly shared.

4. Whenever I have any influence on policy formulation, I shall ensure that the focus of economic policy is on shared growth policies. I shall ensure that captured growth policies are properly balanced. And I shall vote against vulture policies, even if my own party is proposing them.

Signed:

Date:

Note: Although policy formulation is complex, there are fundamentally only four types of policy (as described in the Politician’s Toolkit):

i. shared growth policies which both grow the pie at a reasonable rate and share it fairly;
ii. captured growth policies which grow the pie but share it unfairly;
iii. balancing policies which do not grow the pie but improve the fairness of sharing; and
iv. vulture policies which neither grow the pie nor share it fairly.