

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.