



Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon (centre right) meets with Pope Francis (centre left) and Cardinals accompanying the Pope during the pontiff's visit to United Nations headquarters. September 25, 2015

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cautioned them to “work to help countries achieve sustainable development and ensure that they are not subjected to oppressive lending systems that, far from promoting progress, subject people to mechanisms that result in greater poverty, exclusion and dependence.” Developing countries, particularly African countries, can definitely relate here as they have, in the past, been victims of the “oppressive lending systems” mentioned here by His Holiness.

“The need for greater equity is especially true in the case of bodies that have an executive capability, such as the Security Council,

the financial institutions and those groups and mechanisms specifically created

to deal with economic crisis. It can help to limit any kind of abuse or usury, especially

where developing countries are concerned”.

Referring to the United Nations Charter, the Pope



Pope Francis, accompanied by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, waves to UN staff welcoming him during his visit to United Nations headquarters.

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