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Madame Chairperson, let me say at the outset that my organisation does not believe in shaming and stoning people. That is not our role nor is it our mission. Instead we believe it is our duty to highlight irregular and extremely harmful behaviour and we consequently take this opportunity to share information regarding prominent individuals who have been named as shareholders, directors and beneficiaries of secret offshore shell and mail box companies in the Panama Papers.¹ Through listing them today, we hope that the relevant state representatives will ensure that their tax authorities and government departments will undertake thorough investigations and take steps to recover the much needed revenue from these individuals.

The first category is former heads of state:

Sudan

- Ahmed al-Mirghani, former President of Sudan

The second category is government officials:

Algeria

- Abdeslam Bouchouareb, Minister of Industry and Mines

Angola

- José Maria Botelho de Vasconcelos, Minister of Petroleum

Botswana

- Ian Kirby, President of the Botswana Court of Appeal and former Attorney General

Democratic Republic of the Congo

- Jaynet Kabila, Member of the National Assembly

Republic of the Congo

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_people_named_in_the_Panama_Papers



- Bruno Itoua, Minister of Scientific Research and Technical Innovation and former Chairman of the SNPC

Kenya

- Kalpana Rawal, Deputy Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

Nigeria

- James Ibori, former Governor of Delta State

Rwanda

- Emmanuel Ndahiro, brigadier general and former chief of the intelligence agency

Zambia

- Atan Shansonga, former Ambassador to the United States

And finally, in the category of relatives and associates of government officials we have:

Egypt

- Alaa Mubarak, son of former President Hosni Mubarak

Ghana

- John Addo Kufuor, son of former President John Kufuor

Guinea

- Mamadie Touré, widow of former President Lansana Conté

Ivory Coast

- Jean-Claude N'Da Ametchi, associate of former President Laurent Gbagbo

Senegal

- Mamadou Pouye, friend of Karim Wade, himself the son of former President Abdoulaye Wade

South Africa

- Khulubuse Zuma, nephew of President Jacob Zuma



It might be interesting to note that the head of Transparency International in Chile was also named and he resigned on 4 April 2016. NGO's are not immune to this disease, Madam Chair. We urge the Chairperson of the working group to engage with the relevant state parties to undertake thorough investigations and to take tangible steps to recover the lost revenue.

Thank you.