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Dear Hiring Manager:

RE: APPLICATION - RESEARCH FELLOW: DEBT AND HUMAN RIGHTS

I write to apply for the position of Research Fellow: Debt and Human Rights at Amnesty International.

I submitted my PhD thesis in Financial Economics at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg in South Africa, expecting to graduate in December 2022. My research examined the transformation of microfinance institutions in Africa. Hence, I have well-developed knowledge in research methodology, financial economics, SDGs, sovereign debt and statistical (econometrics) analysis.

As a research assistant at the Wits Business School in South Africa, I have worked with the World Bank, IMF, MIX, and FRED data for five years. As a macroeconomic statistician specialising in sovereign debt with Trounceflow, I collected and analysed global data on sovereign debt, debt deficits, and surpluses.

Although currently in academia, I have previously held professional positions. At Twana Twitu Cares, an NGO in Kenya, I was in charge of finance, where I did financial reports for the management and donors (USAID and AMREF). I was the project manager at NECLI, a livelihoods improvement and environmental conservation community-based organisation in Kenya funded by the EU and DANIDA. I have over 15 years of experience in education, research, finance, and related roles.

The research journey saw me gain advanced skills in data analytics- R, Ms Excel, SQL, Stata, Eviews and rising proficiency in Python Programming. I am also familiar with Big Data analytics ecosystems like Hadoop and Spark.

Importantly, I embrace continuous learning. I am undertaking data science courses and independent data analysis projects. Additional information is available on my GitHub account (<https://www.github.com/Karuitha>) and LinkedIn site (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/karuitha/>).

Given my background, I believe I can handle the tasks of Research Fellow: Debt and Human Rights. Please feel free to contact me for further information or clarification.

Best regards,

John Karuitha.