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CANCELLATION OF WORLD CREDIT CONGRESS DUE TO HURRICANE MILTON

It is with deep regret that we announce the cancellation of the World Credit Congress, which was scheduled to take place in Orlando, Florida, from October 14-16, 2024. The onslaught of Hurricane Milton, a powerful Category 5 storm, severely impacted Central Florida, disrupting travel plans, and creating unsafe conditions in the area.

Despite the hotel confirming their operational status early last week, by Wednesday, the situation had worsened. The Margaritaville Resort, which was on the direct path of the hurricane, could no longer guarantee power or normal operations. Flash flood and tornado warnings were issued, and the safety of our attendees became the primary concern. Orlando International Airport was closed, and even Walt Disney World was forced to shut down for two days in anticipation of the storm and the subsequent clean-up efforts.

This decision to cancel the Congress was not taken lightly. It was an incredibly difficult one, and I am grateful for the support of Harry Strausser III and Scott Purcell of ACA International, during this process. Together, we assessed the risks and determined that it was in the best interest of everyone's safety to cancel the event. Everyone understood the seriousness of the situation and that the safety of everyone coming to Florida was the deciding factor to cancel our event.

As host I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our speakers, sponsors, and delegates for their messages of support and offers to help with future events. This show of thoughtfulness has been a great source of encouragement for me and the entire WCCE team. It has underlined that we have built on the spirit of previous events to create a true global community. We are incredibly grateful and look forward to continuing this journey together.

We are currently in discussions with our international partners, including Declan, Luis, Josef, and Eugene, to determine our next steps. We will update our community once we have a clear plan moving forward. Thank you for your understanding and continued support during this challenging time.

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