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Bangladesh: Poor nations will not accept failure in Copenhagen Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina urges rich nations to help climate vulnerable nations such as Bangladesh in the same way they bailed out economies damaged by the global recession.

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Poor nations will not accept failure at the UN climate change conference next month in Copenhagen.

The message was clear from Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina (photo above) who spoke late Tuesday in Dhaka at a video conference with leaders of six other countries, including Gordon Brown of Britain and Kevin Rudd of Australia, as well as United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

"We cannot accept the failure of the Copenhagen summit," Hasina told the conference, according to AFP, and continued:

"The most vulnerable countries and the least developed countries are worried that their legitimate demands are being sidelined by the disagreements in climate change negotiations between the developed and developing countries."

Hasina urged rich nations to help climate vulnerable, poor nations such as Bangladesh in the same way they bailed out economies damaged by the global recession.

"If the developed countries could pump trillions of dollars for reviving the world economic situation, they could surely be equally generous to save us, themselves and the world," she said.

The video conference, chaired by Danish Prime Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen, was arranged by the Copenhagen Commitment Circle, a platform of world leaders formed ahead of the UN conference.

Mexican President Felipe Calderon, Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg and Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi also participated.