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Excellency,
Dear friends,

I feel obliged, as APA President, to call on you in this very dire time when Coronavirus has become a global pandemic and created an unprecedented as well as complicated challenge, threatening health and well-being of people all around the world. We are all witnessing the surging death toll caused by this devastating killer on a daily basis almost in every corner of our world.

On this critical and unprecedented juncture, I wish to express my sincere solidarity with people and countries around the globe, especially to my fellow Asian nations, who are intensely engaged in the fight against Covid-19 and state our readiness to extend humble assistances in any and every possible way to them to defeat and overcome this dangerous and destructive evil as soon as possible.

I do believe that due to the pandemic nature of this lethal threat, a set of collective measures should be put forward and implemented by all concerned Parliaments, Governments and NGO's without further delay.

As rightly mentioned by United Nations Secretary General and World Health Organization Director General in their recent messages addressed to the whole world, I would also stress that it is the humanitarian responsibility of all of us in this critical international situation to demonstrate our solidarity, empathy and altruism in the best possible way and put aside the obstacles of any nature -bilateral or multilateral- which prevent us from unified and coherent resolve to get rid humanity of this threat.

I wholeheartedly sympathize with families who have lost their loved ones in this fierce struggle against Coronavirus, especially those related to the medical community and stay as a staunch supporter for all collective international measures to defeat this invisible human enemy before it is too late.

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