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His Excellency XI JINPING
President
People's Republic of China;
General Secretary
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Beijing, People's Republic of China

Thru: **Honorable GUO YEZHOU**
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Dear Excellency,

On behalf of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP), representing some 350 ruling, opposition and independent political parties from 52 countries in Asia, please accept our profound sympathies and support in the midst of the difficulty confronting Your Excellency, the Chinese Government, and the Chinese people.

We in ICAPP, however, believe that the Chinese Government and Chinese people, under Your Excellency's outstanding leadership, will surely surmount this coronavirus epidemic, for as history would show, your great country had faced gigantic crises and sufferings in the past but the great Chinese people had always overcome them and emerged triumphant.

Indeed, China has always risen up to multiple challenges in its history and has today emerged as a global economic power, with a strong security force, an unshakeable proof of the strength of character and indomitability of spirit of the Chinese people.

We also commend the response carried out by Your Excellency, the Communist Party of China, and the Chinese Government in mobilizing all efforts in overcoming this coronavirus crisis.

Thank you, Excellency, and please accept the continued assurances of our highest consideration.

Very truly yours,

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