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Excellency,

We wish to inform that due to the unprecedented challenge posed by the COVID-19 pandemic to the work of the Organisation, we will convene a joint virtual briefing for Member States on 27 March 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The briefing will focus on outreach to Member States and other stakeholders, including the measures taken to mitigate the impact of this pandemic on the work of the Organisation, as well as the activities of the Principal Organs of the United Nations during this crisis. The Secretary-General will also update Member States on efforts across the United Nations system to respond to the crisis in its multiple dimensions and plan for the global recovery.

We have enclosed an Information Note to provide guidance on how to join the discussion. We encourage you to submit your questions in advance to unjointbriefing@un.org, via your Mission's email by 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, 25 March 2020.

Meanwhile, our Offices have held regular coordination meetings to align our approaches and ensure that the work of the Organization continues and inter-governmental processes are supported. We are confident that we can adapt and continue to do the essential work of our Organisation throughout this trying period and beyond.

We stand in solidarity with the Member States fighting COVID-19 and express our sincerest condolences for their loss.

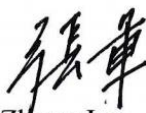
Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.



Tijjani Muhammad-Bande
President of the General Assembly



Mona Juul
President of the Economic and Social
Council



Zhang Jun
President of the Security Council



António Guterres
Secretary-General

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the
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Information note on Joint Briefing Friday 27 March 10.00 a.m

Viewing the Joint Briefing.

The Joint Briefing may be viewed through the following platforms:

- **UN Web TV** website: <http://webtv.un.org/live-now/watch/joint-virtual-briefing-for-member-states-on-the-covid-19-pandemic/5708201327001>
(This will be activated 15 minutes prior to the start of the briefing)
- **YouTube:** https://youtu.be/u_MpqwagYqA
- **Twitter** (@UNWebTV): <https://twitter.com/UNWebTV/status/1242282801145184257>
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/UNWebTV/posts/3190663170945878>

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- *If link can't be activated from this .pdf document you may copy the link and paste into any web browser.*
- *These links will also be forwarded by email to all Permanent Missions for ease of connection.*

Briefing language

Briefing will be held in English and interpretation will not be available due to technical constraints, as a result of the measures taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Submission of questions

Questions may be submitted prior to and/or during the briefing itself.

In order to ensure that questions received are from Permanent Missions, it is requested that these be submitted through use of an email address identifiable as from Mission, rather than a personal email account.

It is recognized that that the meeting time may not be sufficient to answer every question. As such Permanent Missions are requested to submit any questions to unjointbriefing@un.org by 6:00 p.m. Wednesday 25 March 2020. This will facilitate response by the appropriate Principals.

In addition, during the briefing itself, further questions may be submitted to the same email address. A segment at the end of the briefing will be devoted to addressing those questions, to the extent permitted by time.