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Dear Ms. Liu and Ms. Xu,

On behalf of Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, we would like to thank you for your letter and your support to the United Nations in our global efforts to combat the novel Coronavirus.

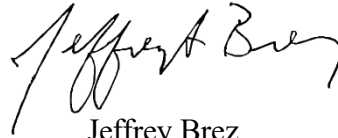
Although the United Nations Headquarters is closed to the public due to the pandemic, until 31 May or further notice, we are working hard to adjust our activities to the new reality and to finding creative ways to maintaining our regular engagement by organizing virtual briefings. My team, the Civil Society Unit in the Department of Global Communications (DGC), as you already know, organized a virtual briefing in observance of World Health Day and the 2020 International Year of the Nurse and Midwife on 7 April. We recognize that nurses, healthcare workers and first responders around the world are front and centre of the COVID-19 crisis. We invite you to view the virtual briefing [here](#).

At the United Nations we are more than ever committed to working together on this global response, especially with the youth community. For this reason, the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth, in partnership with the World Health Organisation and UNICEF, is hosting a series of webinars for young people, titled "[#CopingWithCOVID](#)". The aim is to provide young people with a platform for genuine connection amid uncertainty, encouraging them to field their questions to the experts from UNICEF and WHO, generate mental health awareness among young people, and strengthen demand for integrated mental health and psychosocial interventions. The Civil Society Unit is also organizing online conversations where youth come together and share their perspectives and experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic facing the global community.

With the influx of information out there, be sure to follow only trusted sources. We encourage you to follow the guidelines on the World Health's Organization's website, <https://www.who.int>. At the Department of Global Communications, we are ensuring accurate information is available to all. The UN has created a dedicated website - <https://www.un.org/coronavirus>, and has developed a Social Media Trello Board with the latest information.

We thank you for your efforts, in these extraordinary and trying times we must stand together in solidarity. I hope that you and the World Harmony Foundation, are keeping healthy and safe.

Yours sincerely,



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