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The Prime Minister

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
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Dear Dr Tedros,

I wish to thank you for your letter of 23 March 2020 on the need for increased efforts and political leadership to combat the spread of COVID-19. I fully share your view that this global pandemic requires a joint, coordinated global response.

I wish to express our continued gratitude to you, and your staff, for the essential work carried out by the World Health Organization during this crisis, and beyond. The Swedish Government is a longstanding friend of WHO and you can count on our continued support.

In response to your letter and in line with our conversation some weeks ago, I can reconfirm that the Swedish Government has continued to apply a whole-of-Government approach and has implemented a wide range of measures to limit the spread of COVID-19, save lives and protect public health. We are constantly assessing the effects of our measures and stand ready to take additional steps as needed, when needed. The health of our population is my Government's first priority, and our health policies and international cooperation also aim to contribute to the health and wellbeing of people around the world. We stand ready to update you and your colleagues on our measures in greater detail.

An essential part of continuing to improve the global ability to respond to future crises will be to thoroughly review the response to the current one. Sweden looks forward to contributing in this regard as well.

Please accept this letter as a sign of Sweden's continued commitment to the fight against COVID-19. Do let us know what we can do to further support the work of the WHO.

Yours sincerely,



Stefan Löfven