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I write to you on behalf of the G20 Health and Development Partnership (G20HDP).

This meeting will be critical to people around the world, and the leadership of the G20 is required more today than at any time in the past.

While we welcome the progress that is being made in the development of a COVID-19 vaccine, the G20 must move very quickly to ensure that all countries have access to diagnostics, therapeutics, vaccines and the other tools and resources needed to get COVID-19 under control and then eradicate it.

In May 2020 the ACT-Accelerator programme (ACT-A) was created, and a series of pledging conferences were held to raise the funds to develop the medical tools to beat COVID-19.

The Partnership and cooperation that has resulted from the ACT-A programme is unprecedented and has led to the development of the world's largest portfolio of candidate diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines.

ACT-A has also developed an advanced purchasing system to ensure these products can get to the people who need them most.

While the pledging mechanism raised significant funds for the development and evaluation of new medical tools, there is still a significant shortfall.

G20 States and Governments have already spent \$12 trillion in dealing with the socio-economic consequences of COVID-19.

The shortfall for the ACT-A funding is a fraction of this, \$4.5 billion is urgently needed and in total the programme needs a further \$38 Billion.

The G20HDP urges you and G20 Heads of State to resolve this problem to fill this funding gap, so that we can end this pandemic for all of our citizens quickly.

An injection of the investment required to allow the ACT-A to complete this task will pay significant dividends for the richer countries. The IMF estimate that by speeding up the delivery of the innovative medical tools to LMIC's as well as the advanced economies, global income could be increased by almost \$9 trillion by the end of 2025.

This is the moment to demonstrate that the G20 can work in a united way to defeat global threats to humanity. I urge you to support the additional funds for the ACT- Accelerator Programme.

Yours sincerely,

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