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SPECIAL MESSAGE ON COVID-19 TO BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS IN INDIA AND EUROPE

As the apex organization that represents trade, investment and economic interest between Europe and India, the Europe India Chamber of Commerce would like to send a message of solidarity to all governments and business institutions in the two regions.

The deadly Coronavirus pandemic has led to devastating effects worldwide. It is creating pressures on families, communities, and businesses in unprecedented ways and at unprecedented scale. In these unsettling times India and Europe are facing an unprecedented challenge which requires hope, solidarity, cooperation and understanding to pull through this global health crisis. We the directors of EICC and all its members from across Europe and India salute the efforts of all those individuals who along with international organisations, national governments, private, public and social sector organisations are working tirelessly and often at huge personal risk to tackle this crisis and save precious human life.

We would especially like to commend the mammoth efforts of the Indian government and states working under the able leadership of Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi for the wide ranging and timely measures to address this issue and to alleviate the inevitable hardship during this time of lockdown.

We commend the efforts being made by the President of the European Commission Ms. Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Council Charles Michel and all the Heads of Government of the 27 member states, which are effectively battling a health crisis of the century, which sees Europe currently at the center of the pandemic.

We salute the citizens of India and Europe for their fortitude, patience, discipline, and social consciousness at this testing time. And particularly to all essential service personnel, including healthcare workers, retailer store workers, IT industry workers, utilities, police and city officials who are fronting this crisis at great personal risk.

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We appeal to all sisters and brothers to continue to keep trust, keep strong and wherever possible contribute to the relief efforts like the PM CARES Relief Fund (www.pmindia.gov.in) set by Prime Minister Modi in India and national funds in Europe.

All of us in our respective countries share in the suffering and stand united in our resolve to see the world through this crisis for a brighter and better tomorrow. We have no doubt that the India – Europe strategic partnership will emerge even stronger.

Statement has been issued by the Secretary General of Europe India
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