The COVID-19 crises is an unprecedented reality sparing no country and its impact has shaken our world to the core. Bhutan is no exception, we are going through difficult and uncertain times challenged by the worst health, social and economic crisis of the century. My profound prayers and sympathies go out to individuals, families and communities who are directly or indirectly being affected by the crises both at home and abroad.

As a UNFPA Goodwill Ambassador and Patron of RENEW, I am very concerned the COVID-19 Pandemic will negatively impact ongoing support, care and access to health services for women and girls.

I urge the Ministry of Health to ensure Sexual and Reproductive Health services as well as maternal, newborn and child health, health sector response to gender-based violence services continue to receive priority throughout the crises situation. They are essential life-saving services which need to be part of the critical response to this crisis.

Exemplary leadership has been demonstrated by the Prime Minister and his team to prepare the nation for the COVID 19 crisis. I commend tireless efforts of the Ministry of Health, and Health Service providers, the Monastic Body, Arm Forces, DeSuung, Volunteers, and all the frontline responders for your committed services across the country.

I urge you to continue serving the TSA-WA-SUM with the same spirit of commitment and dedication.

I am confident that the nation will emerge from this crisis better and stronger than ever, with unwavering blessings of the Triple Gem and the Dynamic Leadership of His Majesty the King of Bhutan.

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