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**To: All APA Speakers/Presidents**

**Subj: Letter of Speaker of Islamic Parliament of Iran on CoronaVirus**

**Excellency,**

I have the honour of forwarding you as attachment, the letter of H.E. Dr. LARIJANI, Speaker of Islamic Parliament of Iran on the precarious and dangerous situation of the Coronavirus in Iran. The letter contains alarming notions of the situation being exacerbated due to the unilateral sanctions being imposed on Iran.

While sympathizing with all nations around the globe who are adversely affected by this deadly virus, it is my duty as APA Secretary General to call for Asian Solidarity to pull resources together and render one another every support possible to defeat this lethal Virus being spread in our continent.

I feel obliged to call on your excellency to do your utmost efforts within the aspirations enshrined in APA Charter and together with concerned members of international community for the immediate lifting of humanitarian and medical sanctions being imposed on innocent people of Iran by U.S. administration at this crucial juncture.

Sincerely yours,

**Dr. M.R. MAJIDI**  
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**Excellency,**

As you are aware, given the increasing and serious outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19), the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the state of emergency in some countries and regions across the world. The global community is facing universally unprecedented threat and growing concern, as, despite necessary medical/sanitary measures, the number of countries impacted and victimized by the coronavirus is increasing on a daily basis. This virus is borderless and seriously endangers the entire world.

The current international circumstance, more than any other time, highlights the necessity for national, regional and international efforts and collaboration for mobilizing all technical and logistical facilities with the purpose of assisting the impacted countries as well as underscores urgent, effective and comprehensive action to contain this deadly virus.

It is regrettable, however, under this critical circumstance, the Islamic Republic of Iran has been systematically subject to the direct, indirect US unilateral, inhumane sanctions, as Iran is vehemently at the forefront of combatting the coronavirus aimed at its eradication and easing the people's sufferings thanks to the disease outbreak and increasing fatalities. The American approach contrasting the United Nations Charter and the WHO Constitution, not only has seriously impeded Iran's efforts to assist the suffering people and contain the virus outbreak, but also has left negative and undeniable impact on national, regional and global efforts, in its entirety, to contain the coronavirus.

Nevertheless, the Islamic Republic of Iran is extremely pleased that officials from some countries and international bodies has recently realized this globally critical condition and called for urgent and real removal of all sanctions, particularly those relevant to medical equipment, medicines,



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laboratory facilities and other medical stuff, required urgently by the Islamic Republic of Iran.

In this regards, the Islamic Republic of Iran believes that subject to its Charter and as an effective regional parliamentary organization reflecting authentic perspectives and causes of people and their representatives across the Asian Continent, the APA is able to considerably take part in this situation and contribute to the international containment of this lethal disease. To that ends, it is highly expected the Assembly joins the global community, and with unequivocal support and based on its principled positions, calls for lifting all direct, indirect American embargos, and the medical sanctions in particular, against the ordinary people of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

It is hoped that you will spare no efforts to consolidate international efforts in overcoming this critical struggle threatening the lives of tens of thousands people and you will endorse Iran's relentless efforts in combatting the coronavirus.

  
Ali Larijani

President of the Islamic Parliament of Iran