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Your Excellency,

The IEC would like to express its deep and heartfelt sympathy to the people and  
Government of China for the hardships suffered as a result of the novel coronavirus  
outbreak.

We greet and respect the courage and the care with which China is fighting against the virus  
through coordinated action and international cooperation, in order to protect the health of its  
people and those of the rest of the world.

In today’s world, international cooperation is more important than ever, especially when  
faced with such a public health challenge. The IEC provides the technical foundation for the  
safety and reliability of most electrical and electronic devices, including those used in  
medical research, diagnosis and treatment. We bring together 173 countries and China is an  
important contributor to IEC work.

We trust that China, despite this challenge, will continue to strongly contribute to the global  
economy and technology development.

The IEC pledges to do everything in its power to support China in its efforts to fight the novel  
coronavirus. We believe that China’s determination and that of the whole global community  
will overcome this hardship.

Please accept, your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Philippe Metzger  
IEC General Secretary & CEO  

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