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Letter dated 27 April 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit a statement of solidarity and appreciation to the City of New York (see annex), which was initiated by Jordan and garnered the support of 167 Member States and observers.

The statement expresses our full solidarity and appreciation for the City of New York – the host city of the United Nations and home of our collective voice for peace, prosperity and solidarity – as it faces the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), one of its biggest challenges in decades. It also extends deep appreciation and gratitude to the heroes and sheroes of New York City, and recognizes the dedication and courage of its leadership, health-care workers, police, firefighters and brave essential workers and salutes them for putting their lives at risk every day, to save our own. The statement expresses the shared commitment of all 167 signatories to stand in unity with the City of New York as we collectively work to defeat this unconventional enemy.

We kindly request that the present letter and its annex be transmitted to the host country and to the relevant authorities of New York City on behalf of the 167 signatories and be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 123.

(Signed) Sima **Bahous**
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom
of Jordan to the United Nations



Annex to the letter dated 27 April 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Statement of solidarity and appreciation to the City of New York from 167 Member States and observers, upon the initiative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

As the world faces its gravest test since the founding of the United Nations, and countries grapple with the devastating consequences of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), we all recall the very reasons for joining this Organization. The existence of the United Nations stems from our understanding that global peace, prosperity and security cannot be achieved without global solidarity. COVID-19 stands as undeniable evidence that now, more than ever, we must work together to overcome the challenges we face.

New York City has been the home that has welcomed and nurtured collective action against global challenges. It is in New York City that multilateralism has found its most comprehensive expression. It is in New York City that the headquarters of the United Nations stand as our collective voice for peace, prosperity and solidarity.

Today, this great City of New York is facing one of its biggest challenges in decades. COVID-19 has hit the City hard. Thousands of innocent lives have been lost. Thousands are struggling with the disease. The thriving, vibrant life of New York City has been disrupted.

We are fully confident that New York will overcome this crisis. New Yorkers will triumph over this challenge and will emerge stronger, more resilient. The heart of the City will beat stronger with determination, with achievement, with hope and with the promise of a better tomorrow.

We, Members of the United Nations, stand in full solidarity with New York City and its great people.

We extend our deep appreciation and gratitude to the heroes and sheroes of New York City, who put their lives at risk every day, to save our own. Without the dedication and courage of New Yorkers – leadership, health-care workers, police, firefighters and brave essential workers – this time of uncertainty would have been far more difficult. We salute them all.

We offer our deepest condolences for the loss of life that New York City has endured from the virus. Those who passed will remain in our hearts and prayers. Our thoughts and prayers are also with those who are battling this vicious disease.

We, the representatives of our nations to the United Nations, have come to know the spirit of New York City. We know the strength of its people. We know that New Yorkers will win over this vicious enemy. We share our commitment and stand in unity with the City of New York as we collectively work to defeat this unconventional enemy. And we will defeat it.

Thank you, New York City.

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Member States and observers that have extended support to the statement*Member States*

1. Afghanistan
2. Albania
3. Algeria
4. Andorra
5. Angola
6. Argentina
7. Armenia
8. Australia
9. Austria
10. Azerbaijan
11. Bahamas
12. Bahrain
13. Bangladesh
14. Barbados
15. Belgium
16. Belize
17. Benin
18. Bhutan
19. Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
20. Bosnia and Herzegovina
21. Botswana
22. Brazil
23. Bulgaria
24. Burkina Faso
25. Burundi
26. Cabo Verde
27. Canada
28. Central African Republic
29. Chad
30. Chile
31. China
32. Colombia
33. Comoros
34. Congo
35. Costa Rica
36. Côte d'Ivoire
37. Croatia
38. Cuba
39. Cyprus
40. Czechia
41. Denmark
42. Djibouti
43. Dominican Republic
44. Ecuador
45. Egypt
46. El Salvador
47. Equatorial Guinea
48. Eritrea
49. Estonia
50. Fiji
51. Finland
52. France
53. Gambia
54. Georgia
55. Germany
56. Ghana
57. Greece
58. Grenada
59. Guatemala
60. Guinea
61. Guyana
62. Haiti

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| 63. Honduras | 95. Mauritius |
| 64. Hungary | 96. Mexico |
| 65. Iceland | 97. Micronesia (Federated States of) |
| 66. India | 98. Monaco |
| 67. Indonesia | 99. Mongolia |
| 68. Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 100. Montenegro |
| 69. Iraq | 101. Morocco |
| 70. Ireland | 102. Namibia |
| 71. Israel | 103. Nauru |
| 72. Italy | 104. Nepal |
| 73. Japan | 105. Netherlands |
| 74. Jordan | 106. New Zealand |
| 75. Kazakhstan | 107. Nicaragua |
| 76. Kenya | 108. Niger |
| 77. Kuwait | 109. Nigeria |
| 78. Kyrgyzstan | 110. North Macedonia |
| 79. Lao People's Democratic Republic | 111. Norway |
| 80. Latvia | 112. Oman |
| 81. Lebanon | 113. Pakistan |
| 82. Lesotho | 114. Palau |
| 83. Liberia | 115. Panama |
| 84. Libya | 116. Papua New Guinea |
| 85. Liechtenstein | 117. Paraguay |
| 86. Lithuania | 118. Peru |
| 87. Luxembourg | 119. Philippines |
| 88. Madagascar | 120. Poland |
| 89. Malawi | 121. Portugal |
| 90. Malaysia | 122. Qatar |
| 91. Maldives | 123. Republic of Korea |
| 92. Mali | 124. Romania |
| 93. Malta | 125. Russian Federation |
| 94. Marshall Islands | 126. Rwanda |

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| 127. Saint Lucia | 149. Thailand |
| 128. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | 150. Timor-Leste |
| 129. Samoa | 151. Tunisia |
| 130. San Marino | 152. Turkey |
| 131. Saudi Arabia | 153. Turkmenistan |
| 132. Senegal | 154. Uganda |
| 133. Serbia | 155. United Arab Emirates |
| 134. Sierra Leone | 156. United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland |
| 135. Singapore | 157. United Republic of Tanzania |
| 136. Slovakia | 158. Uruguay |
| 137. Slovenia | 159. Uzbekistan |
| 138. Solomon Islands | 160. Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic
of) |
| 139. Somalia | 161. Viet Nam |
| 140. South Africa | 162. Yemen |
| 141. Spain | 163. Zambia |
| 142. Sri Lanka | 164. Zimbabwe |
| 143. Sudan | |
| 144. Surinam | |
| 145. Sweden | <i>Observers</i> |
| 146. Switzerland | 165. European Union |
| 147. Syrian Arab Republic | 166. League of Arab States |
| 148. Tajikistan | 167. State of Palestine |
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