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Dear Heads of WHO Collaborating Centres,

I would like to express my deepest gratitude for taking the time, care, and courage to write and sign the open letter in support of the World Health Organization (WHO) during this challenging time. Your words, solidarity and belief in this Organization meant more to me than I can fully express. I especially want to thank Dr Ivana Bozicevic and Dr Martin McKee for proactively coordinating this effort.

In moments of hardship, it is easy to feel isolated or overwhelmed, but your support reminded us that we are not alone. Your gesture uplifted not only me but also the entire WHO workforce. It reaffirmed the importance of standing together with integrity and compassion.

The Collaborating Centres network has been an essential part of WHO's history, and you will continue to play a crucial role in our future. Your unique contributions to WHO's work underscore the significance of multilateralism and international cooperation.

Once again, thank you for speaking up, for your kindness and for reminding me of the power of community.

By joining forces, cooperating across borders and working together in solidarity, we can build a healthier, safer, fairer world for all.

Yours faithfully,

With much gratitude:

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Director-General