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The Covid-19 Pandemic. Turning the tide requires action now.

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Joint letter from President of the Republic of South Africa Matamela, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, Prime Minister of Norway, Ms Erna Solberg, Director-General of the World Health Organization, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and President of the European Commission, Dr Ursula von der Leyen.

Your Excellency,

The G20 leaders recognized the exceptional gravity of the Covid-19 pandemic already when they met in March this year. The world continues to need the G20 to take the bold action needed to bring an end to the global Covid-19 pandemic and its devastating impact. Covid-19 does not respect national boundaries. As long as it exists anywhere, it is a threat everywhere.

The lack of an adequately financed global exit strategy is an existential threat to the economic and health security of all countries and their citizens. Only by tackling the pandemic globally, will economic vitality be restored and a catastrophe be averted.