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Dear Partners,

On behalf of 5.1.2e and with the developments of the COVID-19 situation, countries in both regions and around the world are either busy with response efforts in countries where cases have been confirmed, or are busy with preparedness efforts to deal with any potential importation in countries where no cases have been confirmed. With this, the participation of ministers and high-level officials in the meeting is highly unlikely given their involvement and leadership of national level efforts of response, readiness and preparedness. Additionally, many of the regional and global partners, as well as other UN agencies are directly engaged in the preparedness and response efforts and thus will not be able to participate at the anticipated level.

Please allow me to acknowledge and sincerely thank your leadership in driving this agenda forward and advocating for the importance of health emergency preparedness. However, please kindly note that under the leadership of the Director-General, and the Government of Morocco and Rwanda, we remain fully committed to organizing the meeting at a later date in 2020, hopefully **in November 2020**. Now, for those of you who had made arrangement for organizing side-event in Marrakech, please kindly inform the event organizer which we already shared this contact with you.

Our teams will continue to work closely together in the next few months to ensure the smooth and adequate organization of and preparation for the meeting. I take this opportunity to reassure you of our continued commitment to work with you and the countries of the two regions to strengthen country preparedness for health emergencies and ensure that countries have the capacities needed to prevent, detect, assess and respond to health emergencies. To this end, we are planning to hold a TC with you to the November plan as well as an opportunity to discuss technical assistance required for country to scale up their health emergency preparedness particularly in ensuring sustainable country preparedness capacities towards health system strengthening. Thank you for your attention.

With kind regards,

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