



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Ursula von der Leyen  
The President

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*Dear Mr Aguado Dear Mr Desalvo,*

*I would like to thank you for your letter of 4 April 2020. Please accept our apologies for the delay in replying to you.*

*In the present circumstances, fighting to save peoples' lives, and to protect peoples' livelihoods, is the overriding mission of all public authorities across the European Union. To date, the European Union has mobilised around €3.4 trillion, and this is the largest answer ever given to an emergency situation and/or a crisis in the European Union.*

*The Commission is working tirelessly to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. On 27 May 2020, the Commission presented a Recovery Plan that includes a new recovery instrument, called Next Generation EU – worth €750 billion. This instrument will sit on top of a revamped long-term EU budget of €1.1 trillion. If we also count the safety nets for workers, businesses and public finance endorsed by the European Council on 23 April 2020 of €540 billion, our recovery effort will be EUR 2.4 trillion in total.*

*The current shift in the geopolitical context provides an opportunity for Europe to strengthen its unique brand of responsible global leadership. In this age of rapid disruption and increasing challenges, success will depend on agility and speed in adapting to new circumstances, while keeping true to Europe's values and interests.*

*The European Union is a global leader and remains the world's leading donor of Official Development Assistance, with €75.2 billion in 2019. In its global response to fight the pandemic, the EU has pledged to secure financial support to partner countries amounting to more than €15.6 billion from existing external action resources. This includes €3.25 billion channelled to Africa, including €1.19 billion for the Northern African neighbourhood countries, and €3.07 billion for the whole neighbourhood. In addition, the overall package*

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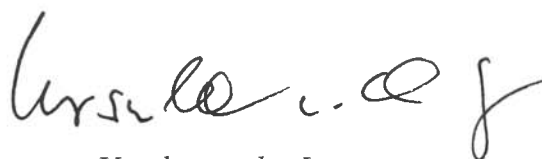
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*includes another €1.42 billion in guarantees for Africa and the neighbourhood from the European Fund for Sustainable Development (EFSD). The EU will also support Asia and the Pacific with €1.22 billion, another €291 million will go for the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific region, €918 million to support our partners in Latin America and the Caribbean and €111 million to support Overseas Countries and Territories.*

*Furthermore, the European Union and its partners have launched a worldwide pledging marathon - the Coronavirus Global Response. To date, the European Commission registered €9.8 billion in pledges from donors worldwide, with the bulk of it raised during the Coronavirus Global Response pledging event of 4 May, and with the aim of raising further funding for the development and universal deployment of diagnostics, treatments and vaccines against coronavirus.*

*As I called upon all EU leaders in my speech at the European Parliament, we must pull each other through these tough times and be able to rely on each other in the face of our invisible enemy. To do this and to achieve the goals of our founding fathers and mothers to have a true alliance in which mutual trust grows into common strength, we need to do the right things together - with one big heart, not 27 small ones.*

*Yours sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ursula v. d. L.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

*Ursula von der Leyen*