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Mr. Imran Khan
Honourable Prime Minister,
Islamic Republic of Pakistan,
Islamabad.

Subject: Provision of Personal Preventive Equipment (PPE) to doctors, nurses and paramedics.

Honorable Sir, *Mr. Imran Khan Sahab,*

Sir, as you know, Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) is a national organization representing medical fraternity of Pakistan. PMA works for the betterment of patients and physicians and it also acts to achieve the highest possible standards of medical care, ethics, education and health-related human rights for all people.

Sir, we are thankful to God for not being as much affected by the Coronavirus as some other countries suffering miserably. Still we need to take more preventive steps to stop it spreading wildly.

At this point we suggest you to provide **diagnostic kits** country wide so that patients could be diagnosed promptly and kept in isolation to prevent its further spread. In this way we will be able to collect complete statistics of the coronavirus patients in the country for the formation of a comprehensive strategy to tackle the pandemic. As per the official announcement, right now the diagnostic kits are only available at twenty different places in the country.

Sir, our doctors, nurses and paramedics are on the frontline of this ongoing war with the Coronavirus but their lives are at risk because of acute shortage of Personal Preventive Equipments (PPEs). We need it in abundance for all the doctors, nurses and paramedics who are attending corona patients or non corona patients because there might be patients without symptoms but infected with coronavirus. So the doctors of different specialties should also be provided with PPE so that they do not get afraid of examining their patients and no patient will be deprived of medical examination / care.

Protection of the medical fraternity is a serious issue which should be dealt as the topmost priority.

Sir, in this situation we extend our full cooperation for any kind of help you and your government needs from PMA.

Sincerely

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