

Statement

On the Coronavirus cCoV in the People's Republic of China

By: Prime Minister, Dr. Roosevelt Skerrit

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Of the Commonwealth of Dominica

I stand to express our solidarity, prayers and empathy to the Government and people of the People's Republic of China, as they confront this unfortunate coronavirus cCoV.

We extend our condolences to the families of those who have succumbed to the virus. Our thoughts and prayers are with those affected for a speedy and successful recovery.

The Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica commends the leadership of the People's Republic of China for the transparent manner in which they have been managing this crisis. Special commendation must be given to His Excellency President Xi Jinping and His Excellency Premier Li Keqiang for their sound, mature and sincere leadership demonstrated during this difficult period in the history of Chinese people.

We also thank them for the care which they have shown to our students and our resident Ambassador in China.

The Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica urges all nations to work diligently with the People's Republic of China as it combats the coronavirus cCoV.

This is not a time for Nations to take decisions in an effort to isolate China.

The Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica in the spirit of solidarity, will make a donation of 10,000 face masks to the Government of the People's Republic of China through our Embassy in Beijing.

We stand in absolute solidarity with the People's Republic of China in their moment of need.

May God bless the efforts of the Government and people of the People's Republic of China.