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Dear Director General, Ministers, Ladies and Gentlemen

It is my great honour to share this meeting with you and I fully appreciate that the WHO brought this together under the scope of COVID-19 pandemic.

We also appreciate the WHO efforts to help us all to control the spread of this disease and we also appreciate the WHO Solidarity Trial. Hungary is in alignment with the EU statement.

Here in Hungary we started our preparation at the end of January when the first case appeared in Europe.

We took the threat of the disease very seriously and we acted upon on it. We wanted to save lives, we wanted to prevent healthcare from overpressure and also we wanted to flatten the curve to enable the country to return to normal everyday life as soon as possible.

Now, at the beginning of May, we are happy to say that yes, it is indeed what happened, we saved lives, the healthcare is in operation, it had enough capacity and the country is getting the doors open to new life.

We do hope that during the summer we can prepare ourselves for the coming fall and we rely on the solidarity on the participation of the other countries as well.

I hope that we can do it together and here and now thank you to all of you for making it a success of the human being.

Thank you very much for your attention.