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Dear Director Branislav Djordjevic,

It is highly appreciated to hear from you at a critical moment when the Chinese people are struggling to fight the Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia (NCP), and I would also like to extend my sincere thanks for blessings given to CASTED by IPE, which reflects the friendship and support for China.

This pneumonia outbreak is a huge challenge to the global public health security system. Science and technology is the most powerful weapon against disease. It requires scientific development and technological innovation for mankind to achieve victory over major disasters. We should step up R&D cooperation at the regional and global level and maintain timely communication to share information and experience. China has taken strong measures against the epidemic. It is not only responsible for the health of Chinese people, but also contributing to the world's public health. In this regard, China has been fully affirmed by the World Health Organization and other countries in the world.

While addressing the epidemic challenge together, IPE expressed concern to CASTED, that is a vivid manifestation of friendship between Serbian and Chinese people. CASTED and IPE should continue to deepen the relationship and jointly work on the cooperation results.

Last but not least, please take care of yourself and family. Let's wait for spring flowers to blossom together.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hu Zhijian'.

Dr. Hu Zhijian
President, Chinese Academy of Science and Technology for Development