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Dear Professor Djordjevic,

Please allow me to extend my warm greetings to you, your family, and all your colleagues at the Institute of International Politics and Economics.

When the COVID-19 outbreak occurred in China early February, you kindly sent me a letter which not just presented a personal sympathy and encouragement, but more evidently delivered a strong message of the well-forged and enduring friendship between our two peoples.

Now with the rise of the COVID-19 cases in Serbia, you are bravely fighting the pandemic under the leadership of Serbian government. At the moment of pains and difficulties, I am writing to confirm the concerns and supports of my IES colleagues and to assure you of our confidence in the resilient, solitary Serbian people for winning this unprecedented combat in the soon future.

As a saying goes, 'a friend in need is a friend indeed'. We will actively involve in policy advice on the next-step assistance that China could consider to provide, especially to the victimized European countries including Serbia, though this nation is yet to survive from the severe encounter.

With all the best,
WU Baiyi
Director General