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**AGREEMENT establishing extraordinary actions to attend to the  
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**In the margin a stamp with the National Shield, which says: United Mexican States.- HEALTH.- Ministry of Health.**

JORGE CARLOS ALCOCER VARELA, Secretary of Health, based on articles 4, fourth paragraph and 73, fraction XVI, Bases 1a., 2a. and 3rd, of the Political Constitution of the United Mexican States; 39 of the Organic Law of the Federal Public Administration; 3rd., Fractions I, II, III and XV, 4th. section III, 7th., sections I and XV, 13, section A, sections V, IX and X, 133, section IV, 134, section II, 141, 147, 181 and 184 of the General Health Law; Second, fraction V and Third of the Decree declaring extraordinary actions in the affected regions of the entire national territory in terms of health general to combat the serious disease of priority attention generated by the SARS-CoV2 virus (COVID-19), and

**CONSIDERING**

That by Decree published on March 27, 2020 in the Official Gazette of the Federation, the Head of the Executive Power Federal, declared various extraordinary actions in the affected regions of the entire national territory regarding general health, to combat the serious disease of priority attention generated by the SARS-CoV2 virus (COVID-19);

That within the extraordinary actions indicated, the need was considered that, in addition to those indicated expressly in the aforementioned Decree, the Ministry of Health, implements the others deemed necessary;

That in the same sense, the aforementioned Decree established that the dependencies and entities of the Federal Public Administration they must coordinate to provide the supports that are required by the Ministry of Health for the implementation of the mitigation measures and control of the aforementioned disease in our country;

That on March 30, 2020, the General Health Council published in the Official Gazette of the Federation the Agreement for the declared as a health emergency due to force majeure, the epidemic of disease generated by the SARSCoV2 virus (COVID-19), indicating that the Ministry of Health would determine all the actions that are necessary to attend said emergency;

That in order to strengthen coordination and guarantee immediate action by the Federal Government, it is deemed necessary to include temporarily within the integration of the General Health Council, to public institutions whose scope of competition is related to the necessary actions to face the disease generated by SARS-CoV2 (COVID-19), and

That despite the fact that the Government of Mexico has implemented a series of actions aimed at mitigating and controlling the SARS-CoV2 virus disease (COVID-19), it is necessary to dictate extraordinary measures to attend the emergency health due to force majeure generated by the aforementioned virus, I have been kind enough to issue the following.

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**AGREEMENT**

**FIRST ARTICLE.**- It is established as an extraordinary action, to attend to the health emergency caused by the virus SARS-CoV2, that the public, social and private sectors must implement the following measures:

I. The immediate suspension is ordered, from March 30 to April 30, 2020, of non-essential activities, with the purpose of mitigating the spread and transmission of the SARS-CoV2 virus in the community, to reduce the burden of disease, its complications and death from COVID-19 in the population residing in the national territory;

II. Only the following activities, considered essential, may continue to operate:

a) Those that are directly necessary to attend the health emergency, such as the work activities of the medical, paramedical, administrative and support branch throughout the National Health System. Also those who participate in its supply, services and supply, among which the pharmaceutical sector stands out, both in its production as in its distribution (pharmacies); the manufacture of supplies, medical equipment and technologies for health care; those involved in the proper disposal of infectious biological hazardous waste (RPBI), as well as cleaning and sanitizing medical units at different levels of attention;

b) Those involved in public safety and citizen protection; in the defense of the integrity and national sovereignty; the procurement and impartation of justice; as well as legislative activity at the federal and state levels;

c) Those of the fundamental sectors of the economy: financial, tax collection, distribution and sale of energy, gas and gas stations, generation and distribution of drinking water, food and beverage industry (non-alcoholic), food markets, supermarkets, self-service stores, grocery and prepared food sales; transportation services passengers and cargo; agricultural, fishing and livestock production, agro-industry, chemical industry, cleaning products; hardware stores, courier services, guards in private security tasks; nurseries and daycares, nursing homes and elderly homes, shelters and care centers for victims of violence against women, their daughters and sons; telecommunications and media information; private emergency services, funeral and burial services, storage services and cold chain of essential supplies; logistics (airports, ports and railways), as well as activities whose suspension may have effects irreversible for its continuation;

d) Those directly related to the operation of government social programs, and

e) Those necessary for the conservation, maintenance and repair of the critical infrastructure that ensures the production and distribution of essential services; namely: drinking water, electricity, gas, oil, gasoline, jet fuel, basic sanitation, public transport, hospital and medical infrastructure, among others that could be listed in this category;

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**III.** In all the places and areas where the activities defined as essential are carried out, they should be observed, in the following practices are compulsory:

- a)** No meetings or congregations of more than 50 people may be held;
- b)** People should wash their hands frequently;
- c)** People should sneeze or cough applying respiratory cover (covering nose and mouth with a disposable handkerchief or with the forearm);
- d)** Do not greet with a kiss, a hand or a hug (remote greeting), and
- e)** All other healthy distance measures in force, issued by the Federal Ministry of Health;

**IV.** The entire population residing in Mexican territory is encouraged, including those who arrive there from abroad, and those that do not participate in essential work activities, to stay at home from March 30 to April 30, 2020. Stay at home is understood as the voluntary limitation of mobility, staying in the private home or place other than public space, as long as possible;

**V.** Stay at home protection is strictly applied to every person over 60 years of age, state of immediate pregnancy or puerperium, or with a diagnosis of high blood pressure, diabetes, mellitus, heart disease or chronic lung, immunosuppression (acquired or induced), kidney or liver failure, regardless of whether your work activity is considered essential. Essential public interest personnel may, on a voluntary basis, report to work;

**VI.** Once the period of validity of the measures established in this Agreement has ended, the Ministry of Health, in coordination with the Ministry of Economy and the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare, will issue the guidelines for an orderly, staggered and regionalized return to the labor, economic and social activities of the entire population in Mexico;

**VII.** All censuses and surveys to be carried out in the national territory and involving the mobilization of people and physical (face-to-face) interaction between them must be postponed until further notice, and

**VIII.** All the measures established in this Agreement must be applied with strict respect for human rights of all people.

**SECOND ARTICLE.-** It is established as an extraordinary action, to attend to the sanitary emergency generated by the virus SARS-CoV2, the modification of the integration of the General Health Council, provided for in article 3. of the Regulation Interior of the General Health Council.

For the purposes of the preceding paragraph, the following members shall be members of the General Health Council persons:

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- a) The Head of the Ministry of the Interior;
- b) The Head of the Ministry of Foreign Relations;
- c) The Head of the Ministry of National Defense;
- d) The Holder of the Secretary of the Navy;
- e) The Head of the Ministry of Security and Citizen Protection, and
- f) The Head of the Ministry of Labor and Social Security.

**TRANSIENT**

**FIRST.-** This Agreement shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the Official Gazette of the Federation.

**SECOND.-** The titular persons referred to in the Second Article of this Agreement shall form the Board of General health while the health emergency persists.

Given in Mexico City, on the thirty-first day of March in the year two thousand and twenty.- The Secretary of Health, Jorge Carlos Alcocer Varela.- Rubric.