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Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

2020 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON COVID-19

In my address during the International Conference on human security and peace-building, I spoke about the possibility of having a conference this year on COVID-19. The choice of this year is because of the seeming transitory nature of the pandemic. I, therefore, write to inform you about the date and preparations so far.

A cursory glance reveals that during the past few months, the question of an afrocentric perspective or response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Africa has dominated discussions in many academic platforms with hardly a systematic and scientific response. As an Association for the Promotion of African Studies, it is *apropos* that we take up this challenge of providing an Afrocentric perspective to the various dimensions of this pandemic. And it is within this context that this international conference has been fixed for 17th September 2020.

Understanding the present economic conditions of members, the association has secured partnership/sponsorship with Feedback Hall Ltd. Thus, participation, certification and publication would be free of charge for members only. Feedback Hall Ltd insists that papers to be presented must be solution oriented and where possible, interdisciplinary. The proceedings would be presented to relevant policy makers, government agencies, NGOs and Civil Societies in Nigeria and beyond.

We have reached out to the Chief Executive of the International Organization for Migration and Prof. Pat Utomi for the keynote and lead paper respectively. Professor Ayedero Martins Taiwo, the Chairman of the LOC will keep us updated on further developments.

I am yours respectfully,

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