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## Royal Government of Bhutan

PRIME MINISTER

On behalf of the people and the Royal Government of Bhutan, it gives me immense pleasure to extend my warmest greetings and felicitations to the people of South Asia on the auspicious occasion of the 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the SAARC Charter Day.

As people around the world continue to face challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the people of Bhutan and I offer our sincere prayers and thoughts to the lives affected and lost. At such unprecedented times, as SAARC strives to function, it is commendable that the Member States continue to render the spirit of cooperation upon which SAARC was founded by our visionary leaders.

Bhutan attaches high importance to SAARC and we reaffirm our support to make SAARC a dynamic and productive regional organization that contributes to increasing the prosperity and happiness of our peoples. In these difficult times, Bhutan remains committed to working with Member States to overcome the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

I wish to take this opportunity to reaffirm our commitments while looking forward to working closely with all other Members States to further achieve the goals and objectives.

Tashi Delek!

(Dr Lotay Tshering)