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CLR Members,

In his daily address, the Prime Minister (PM) highlighted the following:

- Long term care centres
 - The PM says that concerns that he described as “deeply disturbing” were found by Armed forces now working in long terms care centres, specifically in Ontario, and the federal government is working with Ontario Premier Ford to relay their information and concerns and to offer assistance to improve conditions for seniors.
 - The Ontario Premier will be making further announcements on this later today and the report will be released publicly afterwards.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
 - Over 40 flights came to Canada in the last 10 weeks alone carrying much needed PPE.
 - Represents hundreds of thousands of items including masks and gowns.
 - Today, the PM announced that the federal government has signed a contract with General Motors (GM) to produce an additional 10 million face masks. Production has already started.
 - Will support jobs in a hard hit industry as well.
 - When asked why more PPE can not be found, the PM talked of global shortages of PPE, and counterfeit poor quality products that are being sold and distributed. Canada needs to ensure the PPE we use is of the highest quality which is why domestic production is preferred, and otherwise quality controls put in place for imported products.
- Testing
 - The federal government is supporting companies and research centres to produce new and improved COVID-19 test kits and products.
 - Canadian production of 10,000 ventilators have been contracted which will bring the total of “made in Canada” ventilators to 40,000. The new ventilators are expected this summer.
- Agriculture & Food
 - The agriculture and food industry are having troubles finding seasonal workers.
 - The PM announced 700 youth jobs in that industry.
- Global Support
 - The PM announced that he is working with world leaders and the United Nations (UN) to identify how all developed countries can support lesser developed countries around the world, not just because it is the right things to do, but because it protects our own self interests in controlling the spread of the virus.

Stay safe and well and have a good week.

Sincerely,

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