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TOPIC-Prevention of war between US and China in context to the outbreak of Corona Virus

Good Morning

I am a delegate of Saudi Arabia. The COVID-19 pandemic is an unexpected but potentially but fateful twist, and has moved the United States and China a big step closer to a cold war. It has strengthened hard liners in both countries, and political pressures stemming from the pandemic are making it harder for leaders to back away from escalation. For two months, as the virus killed lakhs and wrecked economics havoc around the world, officials of the superpowers have heaped blame on each other to divert attention from the pain of the crisis and from their own missteps. President Trump has frequently referred to the novel coronavirus as 'Chinese Virus' or 'Wuhan Virus' for the city that was the original epicenter of the outbreak. The suggested steps, albeit modest, would go a long way reversing the negative course in US-China relations. Both countries have experienced and competent ambassadors supported by professional staff. A good starting point would be for the two teams to agree on a menu of options for bilateral cooperation that the leaders would discuss. Joint action would allow both countries to show leadership at a critical time in history, when many smaller nations are increasingly vulnerable. And each of these measures could build some needed trust between Beijing and Washington, setting the stage for progress on other issues. Washington and Beijing do not need to be good friends-but they could show that a crisis can also bring out better sides of both countries.

Thank You

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