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Dear Mr Peterson,

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY AUTHOR TOWARDS THE PRODUCTION OF THE 1ST EDITION COVID-19 COUNTRY REPORT

This letter serves to confirm your contribution towards the production of the 1st Edition Covid-19 Country Report which aimed to record interventions and measures adopted by South Africa to combat the spread and manage the negative socio-economic impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. As a member of the Expert Groups, I can confirm that the task you executed includes conceptualising the topic, defining research methodology, compiling various chapters based on desktop literature review, analysis of data and empirical evidence gathered from interviewing key stakeholders in government and other institutions.

To ensure that the quality of the report meet the required standard, all chapters were peer reviewed by two independent readers and inputs received were addressed by relevant authors. The findings and recommendations were also presented during the two validation workshops which was attended by senior government officials, civil society, academics and other relevant key stakeholders. In addition, the entire report was peer reviewed by international expert from the Worldbank, Dr Stephen Porter.

On behalf of the National Research Foundation (NRF), the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME) and Government Technical Advisory Centre (GTAC), we are delighted by your contribution towards the body of knowledge and research publication output. We are certain that the work produced will also be beneficial to our scientific community in advancing knowledge. As the report is available both online and through hardcopies, we hope that the report will be used for academic teaching and other countries will also be able to learn from us.

Should any further clarity be required, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours

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