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WELCOME LETTER BY CHAIRMAN AND FOUNDER

The coronavirus pandemic continues to devastate national economies across the globe, with 55 million people contracting COVID-19 and 1.32 million deaths. Across the greater Middle East, a seismic shift has ignited with the Abraham Accords, while new tensions are looming elsewhere with Iran, Turkey, Syria and Moscow. Meanwhile, a new administration in Washington is expected to shuffle the cards in unknown ways, especially with the Iran nuclear deal and the growing threat of Chinese dominance.

All of these and other critical issues will be explored in our upcoming Dialogue, which promises to be one of our most lively and informative. As a sign of the times, it will take place online. But our rich programming consisting of 12 panels with deep thinkers from across the globe represents another sign: our determination to continue the crucial conversation between our three countries.

Over the years, the Dialogue has cultivated the art of civil disagreement, robust exchange of ideas, and, not least, the art of friendship. In this unprecedented and consequential year, with so much of the world in turmoil, we can all agree that Dialogue 2020 is needed more than ever.

I am delighted and honored to welcome you to this year's Dialogue, and look forward to connecting with all of you very soon.

Cheers.

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