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CCYK network member universities are adopting all preventive strategies and actions to contribute responsibly in all efforts necessary to mitigate the outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19). In this regard, we are witnessing that institutions are aiming at preserving the well-being of university communities and their families—including foreign students and professors—in correspondence to containment measures established by local and national authorities.

On March 15, the National Colombian Government released a communication to suspend classes in all public and private educational institutions in Colombia. In this regard, CCYK Universities have taken actions such as closing face-to-face classes, national and international restrictions in the inbound and outbound of students, staff and faculty, and the closing of massive events. Likewise, in most of the cases, universities have planned remote and/or virtual technological tools for connectivity and continuation of training.

CCYK network would like to express, on behalf of its 31 Higher Education Institutions, our heartfelt solidarity with partner (and none) institutions for the difficulties, limitations, and uncertainties faced by our communities and society. It is our common statement to highlight that solutions can only be achieved jointly, articulated and coordinated collaboratively, from responsible, flexible and committed initiatives connected beyond borders, always from pluralistic, diverse, open, empathetic, respectful and inclusive ways.

Finally, we call on all civil society to act responsibly for the self-care, for the care of the other and the care of all. It is the duty of each one of us to attend the concerns of the World Health Organization, WHO, and the local governments to surmount these moments of global difficulty.

On behalf of CCYK member institutions

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