



# Statement

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## **ACC: G20 LEADERS MUST TAKE COLLABORATIVE ACTION TO INCREASE ACCESS TO PRODUCTS NEEDED TO FIGHT COVID-19**

WASHINGTON (March 26, 2020) – *The following statement may be attributed to American Chemistry Council (ACC) President and CEO, Chris Jahn, in response to the virtual G20 summit:*

“U.S. chemicals manufacturers are calling for G20 leaders to increase international coordination and prioritize multilateral responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. Healthcare workers and workers in essential industries around the globe are in dire need of products and equipment that can help save lives, and [chemicals and plastics have been recognized](#) for their critical role in efforts to ramp up the production and distribution of those products.

“Life-saving products belong in the hands of the heroes who are saving lives – both in the United States and around the globe. We urge G20 leaders to fortify the global supply chains that make these products possible by lifting tariffs and export restrictions and avoiding barriers to trade that will otherwise impede efforts to save lives.”

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