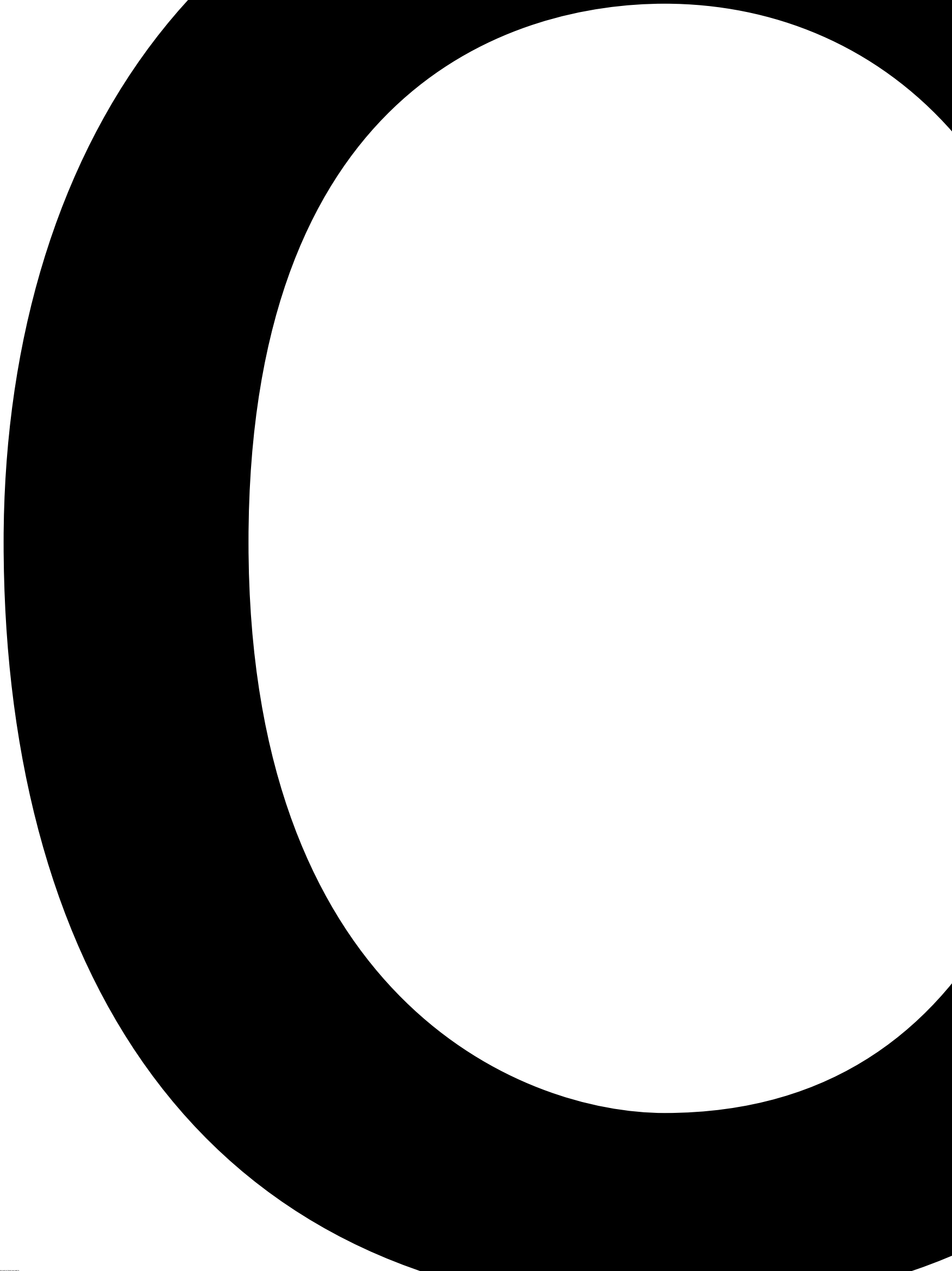


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It is not my intention to have a proper discussion today. I just wanted to share this information with you. And let me be clear that tomorrow's General Council is also not at all about this. We will be having a very important discussion about the COVID-related issues identified by the Chair, and you should use every second of your allotted five minutes for this purpose.

As I have said, I will still be with you for the next few months. It is time to roll up our sleeves and set out to find a leader worthy of you, our stakeholders and the multilateral trading system.

I will now open the floor in case anyone wishes to say something. As I have said, I don't expect a proper discussion today — we'll have plenty of time for this. The General Council Chair will be reaching out to you very soon to consult on the way forward. So if you do ask

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