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DAILY UPDATE – 10 MARCH 2020

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Coronavirus/international: To be aware, the number of cases in Italy has jumped up dramatically today (10 March) – they now have 10,000 confirmed cases, and 631 deaths. In Lombardy, the epicentre of the epidemic, 8% of those diagnosed with the virus have died. The view is that this higher fatality rate is down to the fact that the population is on the whole older. Commercial carriers are also taking decisions to suspend flights to Italy (Air France, British Airways and Ryanair are all cancelling flights to Italy). Slovenia has also closed its border with Italy. International organisations are also now taking measures – the World Bank Spring Meetings have been cancelled and the WTO has suspended all meetings after a staffer tested positive for the virus.