Rome, 8 May 2017

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your communications to the Chairs of a number of Governing Bodies established under the Constitution of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), seeking inputs to the 2017 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) showcasing contributions towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in general and, in particular, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In particular, these included: the FAO Conference, the supreme governing body of the Organization; the FAO Council, the executive organ of the Organization; the FAO Regional Conferences; and the Technical Committees on Agriculture (COAG), Commodity Problems (CCP), Fisheries (COFI), Forestry (COFO), as well as the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), which assists the Conference.

Your request was also addressed to two Statutory Bodies of the Organization: the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA), established by the Council at the request of the FAO Conference; and the Codex Alimentarius Commission, a joint body established by the FAO Conference and the Assembly of the World Health Organization.

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These bodies derive their mandates from the FAO Constitution with the aim of supporting the achievement of the Organization’s overall mandate and objectives, and report thereon to the FAO Conference (on a biennial basis) and to the FAO Council. Bearing in mind that the 40th Session of the FAO Conference will take place from 3 to 8 July 2017, the inputs of these bodies, validated by the Chairpersons of the relevant Committees and complemented by their respective annexes hereto attached, are hereby submitted to the HLPF, pending final endorsement by the FAO Conference.

Please note, that with regard to the dual reporting line of the CFS to both the FAO Conference and the United Nations General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, the inputs of the CFS have already been transmitted to you by its Chairperson and are annexed to the FAO submission for ease of reference.

I trust that this information will assist the HLPF in its examination of the SDGs under revision at its 2017 Session.

I take this opportunity to assure you, Excellency, that the Organization and its Members are fully committed to support the important work of the HLPF towards the achievement of the Agenda 2030.

Accept, Excellency, the expression of my highest consideration.

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