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Rome, 6-13 June 2015

Appointment of the Director-General (Note by the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council)

1. In accordance with Rule XXXVII.1(b) of the General Rules of the Organization, the Council at its 149th Session (June 2014) “set the dates of 1 November 2014 to 31 January 2015 as the period during which Member Nations could submit nominations for the office of Director-General.” (CL 149/REP, paragraph 27). In accordance with paragraph 15 of the *Arrangements for the 151st Session of the Council (23-27 March 2015) and the 39th Session of the Conference (6-13 June 2015)* (CL 150/8) agreed by the Council at its 150th Session (December 2014), nominations received by the established deadline were circulated through the FAO Members Gateway and by circular letter within one week thereafter.
2. By the date set by the Council, the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council had received one nomination. The nomination and curriculum vitae of the nominee are appended as follows:

Appendix A

Brazil

José Graziano da Silva

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a FAO initiative to minimize its environmental impact and promote greener communications.
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Appendix A

PERMANENT REPRESENTATION
OF BRAZIL TO FAO

OFFICE OF THE AMBASSADOR

N° 077

Rome, 1 November 2014

Mr. Louis Gagnon,
Secretary-General of the Conference and Council of the
United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization

Mr. Secretary-General,

I have the pleasure to refer to the appointment of the Director-General of FAO for the period 1 August 2015 to 31 July 2019, to take place at the 39th Session of the FAO Conference (6 – 13 June 2015), in accordance with the provisions of article VII-1 of the FAO Constitution and Rule XXXVII of the General Rules of the Organization.

In this regard, I have the honour to submit, on behalf of the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil, the candidature of Professor José Graziano da Silva, current Director-General of FAO, for re-election to the aforementioned post, based on article VII-1 of the FAO Constitution.

I should be grateful if you officially register this candidature and notify the Member States of the Organization. Please find enclosed the Curriculum Vitae of Professor José Graziano da Silva.

Accept, Mr. Secretary-General, the assurance of my highest consideration.



(Maria Laura da Rocha)
Permanent Representative of Brazil to the
United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization

CURRICULUM VITAE

José Graziano da Silva

Professor José Graziano da Silva is the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations since January 1, 2012.

Graziano da Silva has brought to FAO over 30 years of academic, professional and political know-how in food security and rural development issues; his hands-on experience in leading the design and implementation of the Zero Hunger program in Brazil as Extraordinary Minister of Food Security and the Fight Against Hunger; his capacity to mobilize political will that helped Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean embrace the goal of ending hunger by 2025; and his readiness to engage different partners to reach the future we want.

At the helm of FAO, Graziano da Silva has put the Organization on track to transforming the vision of a food secure and sustainable world into reality. He has sharpened the focus of FAO's work; concentrated the Organization's energy in delivering concrete results; reinforced its institutional capacities including at the country-level; reduced administrative costs; strengthened partnerships; and boosted FAO's support to South-South Cooperation.

His efforts have resulted in best value for money for the Organization and have increased the trust that Members and the international development community have in FAO.

The Government of Brazil has nominated Professor Graziano da Silva for a second term as Director-General following the positive results he is obtaining since taking up office.

Zero Hunger

In 2001, Graziano da Silva coordinated the formulation of the "Zero Hunger" program ("Fome Zero"). In 2003, he was appointed by then President of Brazil Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva to the position of Special Minister of Food Security and the Fight Against Hunger, with the mandate to implement the program.

The "Zero Hunger" Program introduced a new development model centered on hunger eradication and social inclusion, linking macro-economic, social and productive policies, accelerating progress in reducing hunger: between 2000-2002 and 2005-2007, chronic undernourishment in Brazil decreased from over 10% to under 5%, falling 2.5 times faster than in the previous decade. As a result, Brazil has met the World Food Summit and First Millennium Development Goal hunger targets.

At FAO

Director-General

Director-General since 1 January 2012, José Graziano da Silva has spearheaded major transformational changes in the Organization.

He has sharpened the focus of FAO's work around five strategic objectives aimed at ensuring food security; promoting sustainable production and use of natural resources; reducing rural poverty; improving food systems; and building resilience. At the same time, he has maintained the technical quality of FAO's normative work making it truly a knowledge organization with its feet on the ground.

The Director-General concentrated FAO's energy on delivering concrete results; reinforced institutional capacities including in decentralized offices; reduced administrative costs; strengthened partnerships with civil society, private sector, academia and other non-state actors; and boosted FAO support to South-South Cooperation.

Graziano da Silva has played a leading role in building consensus and strengthening international political commitment for food security. He actively supports the Committee on World Food Security, the United Nations High-Level Task Force on Global Food Security in which he serves as Vice-Chairperson, and the UN Secretary-General's Zero Hunger Challenge, inspired by the Brazilian

Zero Hunger program. Working with the African Union, the FAO Director-General has been instrumental in securing the political commitment of African leaders to end hunger by 2025.

Latin America and the Caribbean

Graziano da Silva joined FAO in 2006 as Assistant Director-General, Regional Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean. As FAO Regional Director, Graziano da Silva clinched the support of all governments to the Hunger-Free Latin America and the Caribbean Initiative 2025. He also introduced a substantive regional agenda centered on food security, sustainable rural development and family farming.

According to the 2014 SOFI, Latin America and the Caribbean is the first region to reach, as a whole, the First Millennium Development Goal hunger target.

His formative years and academic life

José Graziano da Silva was born in 1949 and grew up in rural Sao Paulo, observing the contrast between the country's dynamic agribusiness sector and the social exclusion and poverty in which most of the rural population lived in. The quest to understand and change this reality led him to study agronomy and economics and to his life-long commitment to food security and inclusive and sustainable rural development.

Graziano da Silva holds a Bachelor's Degree in Agronomy and Masters Degree in Rural Economics and Sociology from the University of Sao Paulo (USP) and a Ph.D. in Economic Sciences from the State University of Campinas (UNICAMP). He also has post-Doctorate degrees in Latin American Studies (University College of London) and Environmental Studies (University of California, Santa Cruz).

Professor Graziano da Silva taught for over 30 years, published 25 books on rural development, food security and agrarian economics, and retired as Full Professor at the State University of Campinas (UNICAMP). He is recognized for mentoring a generation of young professionals dedicated to rural development and food security.

About José Graziano da Silva

José Graziano da Silva is Brazilian. He has two children and two grandchildren and is married to journalist Paola Ligasacchi.

He speaks English, Spanish, and Portuguese, and understands French and Italian.

Graziano da Silva is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including:

Doctor Honoris Causa, Indian Agricultural Research Institute (India)

Fellow, National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (India)

Doctor Honoris Causa, Bucharest University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine (Romania)

Doctor Honoris Causa, Technical University of Lisbon (Portugal)

Honorary Professorship, China Agricultural University (China)

Doctor Honoris Causa, Federal University of Uberlandia (Brazil)

Honorary Matai (Samoa)

Grand Officier de l'Ordre National du Benin (Benin)

Rio Branco Order, bestowed by the President of the Republic of Brazil (Brazil)

He is also a member of the Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition and on the Board of Trustees of the Khalifa International Date Palm Award (United Arab Emirates).