

Appreciation Remarks On Winning FAO Director General Election

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Distinguished Chairperson,

Honorable Ministers, Ambassadors and Delegates,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Good afternoon! Good day!

Today is a special day. Not only it's the election day of FAO, but also the Olympic Day. We, at FAO pursue to be faster, higher and stronger.

Today is your day. Member Countries combine to make a new starting point of history.

Today is our day to marshal the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

First, I'm very grateful to all Member Countries for your active participation, evaluation and conclusion.

My thanks go to other candidates who have accompanied me, make me challenge, think over and be better.

Thank you for your strength, support and consolidation.

My thanks go to other participants, too, who are willing to inspire us a lot over how the future of FAO should be.

I'm very grateful to my Motherland. Without 40 years of successful Reform and Opening up, I would not have been who I am.

My appreciation goes to my team, who have worked day and night with me for a common task and mission.

I am also indebted to my family, my teachers and colleagues both in China and abroad, whose care, love and inspiration have always been with me along my journey.

Thank your all, working staff here at FAO, for your contribution to this

successful FAO election.

Now the election is over, and the duties are on my shoulders. As the new DG elected, I will be committed to our original aspiration, mandates and missions of the Organization, and take my responsibilities under the supervision of the Conference and the Council in a rule-based approach. I will uphold the principles of fairness, openness, justice and transparency, and remain impartial and neutral.

I will make the full range of my efforts and lead all staff of the FAO system to think for Member Countries, work for the people and farmers, design big, do concrete and aim right. Let us join hand in hand to build a dynamic FAO for a better world, with successful achievement of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Thank you all!