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H.E. José Graziano da Silva
Director General
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Excellency,

On behalf of the Chair and Member States of the Asia Regional Group, I am pleased to inform the endorsement of the Asia Group to your nomination as the Director General of FAO for the second term 2015-19. Since you took office in 2012, FAO has transformed significantly, improving systems and practices to become a more transparent and result-oriented organization.

Under your leadership, FAO has increased its collaboration and technical assistance with member nations to improve global, regional and country level food security and agricultural systems. I am confident that in the coming years FAO will give an even greater contribution in particular among countries in the global South to ensure food and nutrition security for all and promote sustainable development.

Please accept Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Datin Paduka Halimah Abdullah
Permanent Representative of Malaysia to FAO