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CONFERENCE

Forty-first Session

Rome, 22-29 June 2019

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 159th Session (June 2018) “set the dates of 1 December 2018 to 28 February 2019 as the period during which Member Nations could submit nominations for the office of Director-General” (CL 159/REP, paragraph 18). It was agreed by the Council at its 160th Session (December 2018) that nominations received by the established deadline would be circulated one week thereafter by circular letter and through the FAO Members Gateway (CL 160/6, paragraph 15).

2. By the date set by the Council, the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council had received five nominations. The nominations and curriculum vitae of the nominees are appended as follows:

<i>Appendix A</i>	Cameroon	Médi MounGUI
<i>Appendix B</i>	China	Qu Dongyu
<i>Appendix C</i>	France	Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle
<i>Appendix D</i>	Georgia	Davit Kirvalidze
<i>Appendix E</i>	India	Ramesh Chand

3. Each candidate will address the plenary meeting of the 161st Session of the Council (8-12 April 2019) and the 41st Session of the Conference (22-29 June 2019). In this regard, the 160th Session of the Council (December 2018) agreed that up to 90 minutes should be granted to each candidate to address the Council and respond to the questions Members may put to him or her, taking into consideration the number of candidates for the office of the Director-General.

4. The order of the speakers will be determined by drawing of lots ahead of the start of the Council and Conference sessions by the candidate or his or her representative. The candidates will be accompanied by a Protocol Officer to the plenary meeting one after the other, in the allocated speaking order, so that only one candidate will be present in the meeting room at any time.

5. The 160th Session of the Council further noted that the procedures adopted by the 139th Session of the Council (May 2010) might need to be adjusted depending on the number of candidates, and mandated the Independent Chairperson of Council (ICC) to convene an informal meeting of Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the seven Regional Groups, established for

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Council election purposes. The purpose of the meeting is to agree on procedures for the address by candidates to the Council, as well as the procedure to be followed at the Conference, to be circulated by the ICC to all Members as soon as possible thereafter.

6. In line with arrangements followed at the 141st Session of Council, an office at FAO headquarters will be assigned to each candidate for the duration of the 161st Session of the Council. For the 41st Session of the Conference, in line with arrangements followed at the 37th Session of the Conference (June 2011), an office and a meeting room will be assigned to each candidate for the first two days of the Conference (22-23 June 2019). The Director-General Elect will continue to use the facilities until the end of the Conference session; and thereafter separate facilities with secretarial and advisory support will be made available until he or she takes office as Director-General. The offices and meeting rooms to be assigned to candidates will be determined by drawing of lots ahead of the start of the Council and Conference sessions.

7. In order to ensure equality among all candidates, it would be preferable that all addresses at the Council and the Conference take place on the same day. In this regard, the addresses by candidates to the 161st Session of the Council will be tentatively scheduled on Thursday 11 April 2019, and on Saturday 22 June 2019 at the 41st Session of the Conference, subject to adoption of the respective Provisional Timetables by the plenary meetings.

8. Taking into consideration the recommended time limit of 90 minutes per candidate, it is foreseen that two candidates address the Council in the morning and three in the afternoon. All addresses by candidates to the Conference will be scheduled on the afternoon of Saturday 22 June 2019.

9. Regional Groups will agree among themselves on which questions will be asked by each of the Regional Groups, as well as the number of questions to be posed, on the premise that the same question be asked by each Regional Group to all candidates. Members representing the Regional Groups will speak in the alphabetical order of the English names of the Regional Groups, and the order of the Regional Group will move up one place for each candidate.

10. These arrangements may be subject to further discussion at the aforementioned informal meeting of Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the seven Regional Groups to be convened by the ICC.

11. Any requests by candidates for facilities for meetings to be held during FAO sessions, not within the period of the 161st Session of the Council or first two days of the 41st Session of the Conference, are subject to the established procedures for requesting bilateral meeting rooms.

12. Upon request of a Regional Group, any candidate may participate in the meetings of that Regional Group, with the premise that any incremental cost, including additional interpretation services if required, due to the result of the participation of a candidate shall be borne by the candidate.

13. In line with Rule XXXVII of the General Rules of the Organization (GROs), the following arrangements will be in place for voting:

Tellers: The Chairperson of the Conference shall appoint two tellers from among the delegates, who are not parties directly interested in the election, to supervise the balloting procedure and count the ballot papers. The nominated tellers will be invited by the Secretariat at the start of the Conference to a briefing on duties to be carried out.

Scrutineers: Either the candidate or a scrutineer appointed by the candidate may attend the count of the votes, without taking part therein. Candidates will be required to provide the names of scrutineers in advance of the session.

Count of votes: The Secretariat is mandated to take such steps as may be required to ensure that the results of secret ballots remain undisclosed until the formal announcement of the outcome of the ballot.

Elections Officer: An Elections Officer will be appointed by the Director-General for each session of the Conference or Council who is responsible for ensuring adherence to the provisions of the Constitution and the General Rules of the Organization during the voting and electoral procedure.

Appendix A

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NOTE VERBALE

THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON TO THE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM BASED IN ROME PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE COUNCIL AND CONFERENCE OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND HAS THE HONOUR TO TRANSMIT THE CORRESPONDENCE OF HIS EXCELLENCY MBELLA MBELLA, MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OF CAMEROON, NOMINATING MR. MÉDI MOUNGUI TO THE POST OF DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FAO FOR THE ELECTIONS TO BE HELD DURING THE JUNE 2019 CONFERENCE SESSION.

THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON THANKS THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE COUNCIL AND THE FAO CONFERENCE AND TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

ROME, 18 DEC 2018

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE COUNCIL AND CONFERENCE

REPUBLIQUE DU CAMEROUN

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MINISTERE DES RELATIONS EXTERIEURES

CABINET DU MINISTRE

N° 00005332 DIPL/CAB

REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS

MINISTER'S CABINET

Yaoundé, 3 December, 2018

The Minister,**Mr. Secretary-General,**

In accordance with Article VII, paragraph 1 of the FAO Constitutive Act and subparagraph a) of Article XXXVII, paragraph 1 of the FAO General Regulations, the FAO Conference shall designate the Director General of FAO for the period from 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2023 during its Forty-first Session (22-29 June, 2019).

Consecutive to your related mail of 25 July 2018, I have the honour, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cameroon, to present the candidature of Mr. Médi MOUNGUI, a Cameroon national, for this post.

The Curriculum Vitae of Mr. Médi MOUNGUI is attached as an appendix. A more complete version will follow.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary-General, the assurances of my highest consideration./-

Attachment: Copy of CV

**Mr. Louis Gagnon,
Secretary-General of the Council
and the FAO Conference
Viale Delle Terme Di Caracalla
Rome - Italy**

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CURRICULUM VITAE MÉDI MOUNGUI

NAME: MÉDI MOUNGUI

FAMILY STATUS :Married with children (none under 21).

NATIONALITY :Cameroon.

SPOKEN AND WRITTEN LANGUAGES : Douala (perfect), Français (parfait), Anglais (perfect) and Italien (common).



KEY COMPETENCES

Agricultural Economist specialized in Planning for Development. Thirty-four years of experience with incremental levels of responsibility at national and international level in the field of development in general, and agriculture and rural development in particular. This includes strategic thinking in Agriculture and Rural Policies for growth Development; Programmes and projects preparation, planning, implementation, management and evaluation at national and international levels. Proven diplomatic Skills and good mastery of the functioning of multilateral and international organizations, including FAO, WFP, IFAD, WHO, OIE, The World Bank, the African Development Bank etc. Experienced Chairperson of international meetings and International Organizations Governing Bodies. Recognized Talent in international negotiations with good communication skills. Extensive experience in the field of financial management and results-based management. People Manager and confirmed leadership with profound knowledge in team building and organizations and systems development and reforms. Dedicated to empowering people through continuous improvement and delegation of authority. Full engagement in partnerships development and committed to South South and Triangular Cooperation.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE - NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL

*****Strategic thinking:***

As Senior Agricultural Economist in the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, he participated, in many occasions as team leader, in sectoral policy development. He was an active member of the Think-tank created within the Ministry to undertake Strategic policy analysis, Programmes development, sector studies and Project preparation and evaluation. He was member of the National Special Advisory Group in charge of the development of sectoral and national strategic plans, including the Rural Sector Development Plan, the National Plan for the Development of the Environmental Information and the Growth and Employment Strategic Paper.

*****Programme implementation specialist:***

National expert/counterpart in various projects under implementation with domestic and international financing. He has an extensive experience in programmes and projects implementation on the ground. This led him to have good mastery of rules and procedures, including procurement procedures of many international and development and financial institutions, including The World Bank, African Development Bank (AfDB), Arab Bank for

Economic Development of Africa (BADEA), Agence Française de Développement (AFD), JICA, IFAD, FAO, GIZ etc.

*****Leadership and Management:***

He occupied various responsibilities in the leadership role as Coordinator, Team-leader, Chief and Director. He led technical Departments comprising a substantial number of staff of various grades. He has a wide experience in managing people and handling human resources.

*****Knowledge dissemination:***

He is a Guest Lecturer in Agriculture/Rural Economy and Monitoring and Evaluation of Agricultural and Rural Development Projects/Programmes at the Panafrican Institute for development (PAID-WA). He was a Lecturer of Agricultural Economy and Experimental Design within the network of Agricultural Schools in Cameroon. He directed students' academic and research papers in agriculture, fisheries, animal husbandry and forestry.

*****Negotiation talent and Diplomatic skills:***

He has participated in the Uruguay Round negotiations as key resource person and negotiator representing the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. Participated in loan agreement negotiations with international financial institutions. He has been present over 15 years in the diplomatic functions of Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations Food and agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Food programme (WFP) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). In charge of the Multilateral Section.

EXPERIENCE/KNOWLEDGE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

*****Participation in Governing Bodies and international meetings:***

- Member of the Cameroon delegation at the FAO Conference since 2002 ;
- Regular Delegate/Member of Cameroon at the FAO Council since 2002 ;
- Regular Delegate/Member of Cameroon at all FAO Technical Committees (COAG, COFI, COFO, CCP, CFS) since 2002;
- Regular Delegate of FAO related Commissions and Conventions (CGRFA, CPGRFA, CAGRFA, CFGRFA, IPPC etc.);
- Regular Member of FAO Regional Conference for Africa;
- Elected Member of the FAO Programme Committee 2002 - 2004;
- Elected Member of the FAO Finance Committee 2008 - 2009 ;
- Cameroon regular Delegate at all sessions of the FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission since 2002 ;
- Regular member of many Codex Alimentarius Committees and Subsidiary Bodies (CCGP, CCFH, CCFL, CCMAS, CCSCH, CCFO, CCFICS, etc.)
- Regular Delegate of Cameroon at the IFAD Governing Council since 2002 ;
- Member of the WFP Executive Board 2002 - 2006 and 2011 - 2013 ;
- Member of the WFP *ad hoc* Group on Governance (2005 - 2007) ;
- Member of the FAO/WFP Finance Committee (2007-2009)

*****Participation in Specialized Committees in the international organizations :***

- Co-Chair of the FAO/WHO Regional Conference for Food Safety in Africa (Harare 2005) ;
- Member of the Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius (2003-2007 and 2011-2015) ;
- Chair of the Sub-Group on bananas and tropical fruits of the FAO Committee on Commodity Problems ;
- One of the four elected members to represent Africa in the IFAD Executive Board. Position held for four and a half consecutive terms (10 years in total) from 2003 to 2013 ;
- Coordinator/Convener of the IFAD List C members (Developing Countries) (2006-2009 and 2012 - 2013) ;
- Member of the 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th Replenishment Negotiations of IFAD resources and selected observer at the 10th ;
- Chairmanship of the FAO/WFP Finance Committee (2011-2015) ;
- Co-Coordinator of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for African Food Standards (2011-2015) ;
- Chairperson of the 20th (2013) and 21st (2015) sessions of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for African Food Standards.

HIGH LEVEL RESPONSABILITIES HELD AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

- 2016-2017: Vice-Chair International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture;
- 2011-2015: Chairperson of the FAO/WFP Finance Committee (two terms) ;
- 2006-2012 : Coordinator/Convener of IFAD List C members ;
- 2013 : Chairperson of the 20th session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for African Food Standards ;
- Many times panelist in Development related debates, including the Wilton Park series ;
- 2015 : Chairperson of the 21st session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Africa in Food Standards;
- 2010-2012 : Special Advisor to the Chairperson of the IFAD Governing Council ;
- 2013-2014 : Special Advisor to the Chairperson of the Group of 77 and China ;
- Chairperson of the Joint Meeting of the 4th session of the Sub-Group on Bananas and the 5th session of the Sub-Group on Tropical Fruits of the FAO Committee on Commodities Problems ;
- Chairperson of the 5th session of the Intergovernmental Group on Bananas and Tropical Fruits of the FAO Committee on Commodities Problems ;
- October 2005 : Co-chairperson of the FAO/WHO Regional Conference for Food Safety in Africa ;
- Many times chairperson of Intergovernmental Working Groups and *ad hoc* groups within the UN system;
- Chief negotiator in many international forums ;
- Three times Rapporteur of the FAO Regional Conference for Africa ;
- Vice-Chairperson of the Technical Segment of the 25th (2008) and 29th (2016) FAO Regional Conference for Africa held in Nairobi, Kenya and Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire respectively;
- Member of the Bureau of the Committee on Agriculture (2016-2018);
- Member of the Bureau of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (2016-2017).

SOME CONCRETE RESULT-ORIENTED ACTIONS

- **Negotiated loan agreements with international financial institutions such as the African Development Bank (ADB) and Arab Bank for Economic Development of Africa (BADEA) ;**
- **Contributed to the revamping of the bilateral cooperation between Cameroon and IFAD and successfully negotiated five loan agreements amounting to USD 140 millions ;**
- **Successfully negotiated the establishment of an IFAD Office in Cameroon and the appointment of the Country Representative. The Office was finally established in December 2011 and the Representative appointed in March 2012 ;**
- **Facilitated visits of the last two IFAD Presidents in Cameroon (2009 and 2012) ;**
- **Negotiated election of the Minister of Cameroon as Chairperson of the IFAD Governing Council for the period 2010/2012 ;**
- **Negotiated many technical Cooperation Programmes (TCP) with FAO, the latest being the TCP on Capacity reinforcement for Codex Alimentarius Contacts Points of three Central African Countries (Cameroon, Gabon and Central African Republic), of four countries of the East Africa Sub-region and four of the Southern Africa Sub-region ;**
- **Successfully negotiated Cameroon election as Coordinator of the FAO/WHO Regional Coordinating Committee for Food Standards for two consecutive terms in 2011-2013 and 2013-2015 ;**
- **Negotiated hosting by Cameroon of many international meetings ;**
- **Negotiated the revamping of the FAO office in Cameroon. This was concluded by the signing of a new host country agreement with the establishment of a Partnership and Liaison Office and of a Partnership Agreement between Cameroon and FAO ;**
- **Negotiated many Emergency programmes with WFP and FAO to combat recurrent food insecurity situations in the northern part of Cameroon; Actively participated in the discussions for the creation of the Africa Solidarity Trust Fund;**
- **Conducted negotiations for a more robust and efficient FAO decentralized offices network in Africa.**

SOME KEY CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE UN SYSTEM

- **Active participation in the negotiations for the development of the voluntary guidelines to support the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security;**
- **Significant contribution to the process of the independent external evaluation of FAO and the process of reform which followed;**
- **Active participation in the intergovernmental negotiations on the voluntary guidelines on responsible governance of land, fisheries and forestry in the context of national food security;**
- **Significant contribution to the negotiations on the elaboration of the voluntary guidelines on the principles for responsible investment in agriculture and agrarian systems (Committee on world food security);**
- **Crucial contribution to the organizational and institutional reform of IFAD as a result of the independent external evaluation;**
- **Significant contribution to the improvement of the governance of the WFP.**

SOME SELECTED RECENTS PUBLICATIONS

2009 : Data Needs For Impact Evaluation Of Rural Development Programmes Or Projects On Poverty Alleviation: Issues And Challenges.

2011: Global Food System: Future Challenges.

2011: Conference On Global Land Use: Policies For The Future Investment In The Land.

2013: How To Create Resilient Agricultural Systems In A World Of Increasing Resource Scarcity And Climate Change - Resource Sharing And Rationing: Framing National And International Policies.

2013: Policies For Growth: The Future Of Investments In Land And Agriculture– A Global Perspective.

2015: Challenges and Opportunities of Applying the Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems in Cameroon, Panel paper.

2015: Cameroun: La place de l'agriculture dans le Document de stratégie pour la croissance et l'emploi (DSE) et la marche vers l'émergence, Papier introductif de la Conférence des donateurs pour le financement du Programme national d'investissement agricole (PNIA) du Cameroun.

QUALIFICATIONS – UNIVERSITY DIPLOMAS

INGÉNIEUR AGRONOME de conception – Combined BSc/MSc. (5-Year Programme) :1980-1985 in Yaoundé, (University of Dschang, Cameroun). Specialization : Agriculture and Rural Economy.

Post Graduate Diploma in Development Planning 1989-1990, Centre for Development Studies (DSC), Rehovot - Jerusalem, State of Israël.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS -CERTIFICATES

2013:	Policies for Growth by the World Bank Institute – Washington DC - USA
2010:	Evaluating the Impact of Recession and Government Responses; by the World Bank Institute – Washington DC - USA
2008:	Advanced Course on Poverty Analysis: Poverty Dynamics; by the World Bank Institute – Washington DC - USA
2007:	Trade and Gender Analysis; by the World Bank Institute
2006:	Gender, Economic Development and Poverty Reduction; by the World Bank Institute.
2004:	Poverty Analysis: Choosing and Comparing Poverty Lines; by the World Bank Institute.

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1990: Integrated Rural Development Planning international Certificate of the Weitz Centre for Development Studies (DSC).

1999 : « Planification Opérationnelle et contrôle de Projets » international Certificate by SETYM International of Montréal, Canada.

1988: Certificate of participation in a series of courses on Identification, Planning, Preparation, Monitoring and Evaluation and Negotiation of Agricultural Projects by the World Bank.

Done in Rome, 15 December 2018

Appendix B

**PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE IN ROME**

Our Ref.: L2019 / 4

Rome, 10 January 2019

Note Verbale

The Permanent Representation of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture presents its compliments to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and has the honor to propose the candidate nominated by the Government of the People's Republic of China, Dr. QU Dongyu, Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs for the position of the Director-General of FAO.

Please kindly find attached the official nomination letter signed by Mr. WANG Yi, the State Councilor and Foreign Minister of the People's Republic of China and the CV of Dr. QU Dongyu addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council of FAO.

The Permanent Representation of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations the assurance of its highest consideration.



The Permanent Representation of the People's Republic of China
to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture

(Translation)

Beijing, January 2019

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

Dear Mr. Secretary-General:

As the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is going to elect its next Director-General at the 41st Session of its Conference in June 2019, in accordance with Rule XXXVII, paragraph one of the FAO General Rules, I am honoured to advise you of the decision made by the government of the People's Republic of China to nominate Dr. Qu Dongyu, Vice-Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of China, as a candidate for this post.

As the largest developing country in the world, China has a strong commitment to global food security. It has been actively promoting international food and agricultural cooperation and doing its best to help other developing countries as part of South-South cooperation, both with a view to realizing development for all through win-win cooperation. The Chinese government has placed rural areas, agriculture and farmers at the very top of the country's development agenda. By pursuing basic food self-sufficiency and by implementing a rural revitalization strategy, the government has seen to it that the basic needs of the nearly 1.4 billion Chinese are met, and will lift out of poverty all rural population living under the current poverty line as part of its effort to usher in a moderately prosperous society in all respects by 2020. These past and ongoing efforts represent China's important contribution to global food security and to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. They also provide helpful experience to other countries for their development of agriculture and rural areas.

The Chinese candidate Dr. Qu Dongyu is an able and energetic expert on agriculture and rural areas. He has worked in this area for more than 30 years, building up a wealth of experience covering policy planning, administrative management, reform and innovation, and international cooperation. Before joining the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Dr. Qu worked at the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, where he made notable achievements in conducting research and innovation, raising rural income, reducing poverty through science and technology,

and building a quality assessment system for agro-produce. From 2008 to 2015, Dr. Qu worked at the government of Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, where he introduced policies on developing local specialty industries, applying new approaches to agricultural publications and rural tourism, and providing start-up microlending to young and/or female farmers. Since he was appointed Vice-Minister of Agriculture in 2015, Dr. Qu has spearheaded efforts to develop important agricultural policies and reforms for rural areas, advancing the market-oriented development of agriculture supported by information technologies, instituting a mechanism of exchanges on urban agriculture among big and medium-sized cities in China, and promoting agricultural brand building and specialty industries. These measures have proven instrumental in taking China's agricultural development to a new level.

In addition to these responsibilities at home, Dr. Qu has also been deeply engaged in agricultural exchanges and cooperation at the United Nations, G20, APEC, ASEAN Plus Three Summit, China-CEEC Summit and other fora. He has been in charge of China's agro-business cooperation with Asian, African and Latin American countries and with China's major trading partners of agro-produce, and has championed the implementation of flagship projects and a long-term mechanism for China-FAO South-South multilateral agricultural cooperation, thus playing a constructive role in regional and global agricultural development.

Mr. Secretary-General, by putting forward Dr. Qu Dongyu as a candidate in the forthcoming election, China wishes to demonstrate its strong support to the FAO and to the United Nations. The nomination represents China's firm commitment to global food security, to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and to the bright shared future of mankind. The Chinese government is convinced that Dr. Qu's vision, experience and creativity will make him the right person for the position of the FAO Director-General, whom we expect to guide the FAO to make still greater contribution to achieving balanced, inclusive and sustainable development and realizing a Zero Hunger world. For your reference, please find attached the CV of Dr. Qu Dongyu.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Wang Yi
State Councilor and Foreign Minister
The People's Republic of China

Curriculum Vitae

Dr. QU Dongyu



Dr. QU Dongyu, currently serves as Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the People's Republic of China. His past work experiences include serving at leading positions in research institute, provincial government, and large enterprise group. Having devoted himself to agricultural and rural development, international exchange and cooperation, and sci-tech innovation and management for 33 years, Dr. QU deeply understands the desires for development in rural areas and farmers' aspiration for a better life. He also possesses comprehensive knowledge and insight about global agricultural value chains, with outstanding capabilities to forge consensus and stimulate actions in multi-cultural contexts. He is a person who always prioritizes effective delivery.

Dr. QU was born in a village in China's Hunan Province in October 1963. He is married, and has one daughter.

Education

2001.10-2002.04	MPA senior course, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China
1996.02	Ph.D in Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Wageningen Agricultural University, the Netherlands
1986.07	M.Sc. in Plant Breeding and Genetics, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, China
1983.07	B.Sc. in Horticultural Sciences, Hunan Agricultural University, China

Career experience

2015.06-present	Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, P.R.C
2011.05-2015.05	Vice Governor, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, P.R.C
2008.05-2011.05	Assistant Governor, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, P.R.C
2001.12-2008.05	Vice President, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS)
(2005.05-2006.05)	Deputy Director General, Human Resource Department, China Three Gorges Project Development Corporation (Secondment)
1986.07-2002.04	Assistant Director General, Deputy Director General and Director General Assistant Researcher, Associate Researcher and Researcher, Institute of Vegetables and Flowers, CAAS

Talents and major achievements

● Rich experience in international agricultural cooperation, and excellent capabilities to forge consensus among stakeholders

- Dr. QU has successfully led China's agricultural dialogue and cooperation with relevant countries and international organizations, and facilitated the development of action plans to speed up eradication of global hunger and poverty and promote the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. He has met with more than 200 high-level foreign government officials, heads of international organizations and CEOs of multinational enterprises, and developed a network of strong partnerships with multiple stakeholders. His visits to nearly 100 countries have given him first-hand knowledge on agriculture and rural affairs in different parts of the world, and enable him to empathize with the needs for agricultural development and aspirations of farmers in the world.
- Based on his insightful study on needs for agricultural development and economic and trade cooperation in relevant countries, Dr. QU has supervised the formulation of important policy documents, including China's Thirteenth Five-Year Plan for International Agricultural Cooperation, the Vision and Actions for Joint Promotion of Agricultural Cooperation under the Belt

and Road Initiative, and the China-Africa Agricultural Modernization Collaboration Plan, providing practical and effective measures to enhance China's agro-economic and trade cooperation with other countries.

- Dr. QU is adept at setting and facilitating international agendas. He has personally led the organization of high-level international meetings and activities such as G20 Agriculture Ministers Meeting (2016), and China-Central and Eastern European Countries (CEEC) Agriculture Ministers Meeting, playing a constructive role in building consensus and promoting global food and agricultural governance.
- Dr. QU has deeply involved in the activities of multinational mechanisms such as ASEAN Plus China, Japan and the Republic of Korea, and China-CEEC cooperation, and participated in bilateral dialogues and consultations with such countries as the U.S., Russia, Japan and the EU on agricultural policies, agro-economic and trade relations, agro-science and technology, food safety and ecological conservation. His dedication to the establishment and operation of CIP-China Center for Asia Pacific (Beijing) has been highly acclaimed, so has his commitment to China's multilateral sci-tech cooperation with international agencies including the CGIAR.
- Focusing on the needs of developing countries, Dr. QU has led the effort to design South-South Cooperation flagship projects with international agencies such as FAO and World Bank. He has initiated and supervised the organization of the Ministerial Forum on Global South-South Cooperation in Agriculture (Changsha, China), which contributed to putting South-South Cooperation higher on international cooperation agenda.

● **Championing innovative application of information and communication technology (ICT) to boost China's agricultural and rural development**

- Dr. QU has led the drafting of a series of policy documents, including the China Digital Agriculture Development Plan, the Action Plan on "Internet Plus" Modern Agriculture in China, and the Proposals on Big Data Application in China's Agriculture and Rural Areas.
- He has promoted the implementation of the "Village and Household Information Access Program" and dedicated intensive efforts to foster agricultural e-commerce, so that Chinese farmers can share in the dividends of digital agriculture. With a view to narrowing the digital gap between urban and rural areas, Dr. QU

has facilitated the building and operation of over 200,000 farmers' information service centers, covering 40% of China's administrative villages, which has substantially boosted online sales of local special agri-products in rural and poor regions and enhanced smallholders' access to the big market. As a result, online retail turnover in Chinese rural areas in 2018 is expected to exceed 1.6 trillion RMB, with online sales of agri-products approaching 300 billion RMB. The amount of package delivery in rural areas is likely to reach 12 billion, about one-fourth of the national total.

- **Forward-looking perspicacity and well-recognized leadership**
 - Committed to greater transparency of China's agri-products market, Dr. QU has led the annual organization of China Agriculture Outlook Conference , the compilation of the China Agriculture Outlook Report for the next decade, and the release of the China Agriculture Supply-Demand Status Report. He has improved the publishing of the China Agri-Products Wholesale Price 200 Index, establishing stable expectation for the agri-product market in China.
 - He has supervised the establishment of a national market monitoring network which covers over 600 large and medium sized Chinese cities, and supported development of peri-urban modern agriculture .
 - He has led the establishment of over 150 production areas of specialty agri-products, setting successful examples for differentiated development based on local comparative advantages.
 - He has facilitated the establishment of the National Expo for New Farmers' Entrepreneurship and New Technology Innovation, and Chinese Farmers' Harvest Festival, and advocated the adoption of new technologies and new business models to promote integration of the primary, secondary and tertiary agro-industries and upgrade value chains for the benefit of farmers.
 - He has led the institutional reforms in multiple areas in the past two decades, including the reforms of Chinese agricultural research institutes, state farms and Ningxia's cultural institutions.
- **Rich experience as provincial leader in expediting the**

development of multiple sectors and undertakings in underdeveloped areas, notably agriculture, forestry, animal husbandry, fishery, poverty reduction, science and technology, culture, and tourism

- In Ningxia, Dr. QU led or participated in the development of over 100 important policy documents on agriculture and rural affairs, poverty reduction, science and technology, culture and tourism, disaster reduction and prevention, and women empowerment, which greatly contributed to local reforms, development and socioeconomic progress.
- He led the formulation of several programs and action plans on the development of modern agriculture, and local characteristic agro-business, and on poverty reduction through value chain development. In an innovative approach, he helped lift local farmers out of poverty by giving priority to such sectors as premium grain, grape, potato and goji berry production.
- He reached out to universities and research institutes in China's well-developed areas to build partnerships, joint labs, and experiment stations, and introduce human resources and advanced applicable technologies to support Ningxia's development. Initiated by Dr.QU, localities across Ningxia set up urban forest parks, draw up development plans for desert-related industries and ecological rehabilitation, and began developing water-saving efficient agriculture, thus contributing to local sustainable development.
- He contributed to the joint development of multiple ethnicities, religions and cultures in Ningxia by helping establish platforms for mutual learning, trust and help, and played a positive role in setting up micro-credit programs for rural women's development. In addition, he advocated agri-tourism and cultural tourism to improve common development and harmony among local ethnic groups.

● **Rigorous and science-based decision making, informed and effective management**

- Dr. QU served as Vice President of CAAS for 8 years, when his portfolio included international cooperation, production quality and safety, program and finance, auditing and inspection, and research strategy. He led the establishment of the first national Institute of Quality Standard and Testing Techniques for Agro-Produce in China. By bringing expert teams to China's major poverty stricken regions, he also contributed to poverty

reduction of local farmers and obtained first-hand knowledge in those areas. Dr. QU supervised and advanced more than 20 national sci-tech projects and major multilateral and bilateral sci-tech cooperation projects. He also initiated the Potato Genome Sequencing Consortium which published its research results as a cover article of *Nature* in 2011.

- He was the leader for cooperation projects between China's Ministry of Agriculture and International Potato Center for 5 years; and was involved in a number of multilateral and international cooperation projects, including UNDP's capacity building project on breeding technologies for North China and World Bank's Sustainable Aquaculture Project for coastal regions of China. He was a member of the Executive Council of CGIAR, and is now on the Board of Trustees of International Potato Center. He also spearheaded efforts to organize over 20 important international conferences, such as the World Potato Congress, International Rice Congress, and the International Plant Protection Congress.
- As Chief Scientist, he has led his team to publish over 70 papers in Chinese and English in leading scientific journals including *Nature* and *Science*, and more than 20 books. In 2006, he received the World Potato Congress Industry Award.

Major awards

2010	First Prize for Scientific Progress in Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region
2007	National Award for Extension of Agricultural Science and Technology
2006	World Potato Congress Industry Award
2006	Top 100 Young Scientists in China
2005	First Prize for Scientific Advance in Heilongjiang Province

Language Skills

- Chinese (Mother Tongue)
- English (Proficient)
- Spanish (Basic)

Appendix C

The Permanent Representation of France
to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture in Rome
(FAO, WFP, IFAD)

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NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Representation of France to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture in Rome presents its compliments to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and has the honour of transmitting the letter of Mr Jean-Yves LE DRIAN, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, and Mr Didier GUILLAUME, Minister of Agriculture and Food, informing the Secretary-General of the Conference and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations of the submission by France of the candidacy of Ms Catherine GESLAIN-LANÉELLE, candidate of the European Union for the post of Director-General of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations.

Attached and forming an integral part of this presentation is a letter from Ms Federica MOGHERINI, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, informing the Secretary-General of the Conference and the Council of the European Union's support for this candidacy as well as the curriculum vitae of Ms Catherine GESLAIN- LANÉELLE.

The French authorities thank the Secretariat for bringing these documents to the attention of the Organization's members in the form of an official document of the Council and the Conference during the period in which nominations for the post of Director-General are admissible.

The Representative of France to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture in Rome takes this opportunity to renew to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration./.

[Seal]

Rome, 17 December 2018

Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations
ROME

MINISTRY FOR
EUROPE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS
The Minister

MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
The Minister

Paris, 14 December 2018

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Mr Secretary-General,

The election of the next Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) will take place in June 2019 at the 41st Session of the Conference, in accordance with the provisions of Article VII, paragraph 1, of the Constitution and Article XXXVII, paragraph 1, of the General Rules of the Organization.

The choice of who will lead FAO's work is of crucial importance at a time when the Organization must play a decisive role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Goal 2, aimed at eradicating hunger, ensuring food security, improving nutrition and promoting sustainable agriculture.

The Government of the French Republic has the honour to propose the candidature of Ms Catherine GESLAIN-LANÉELLE, a candidate nominated by France and the sole candidate of the European Union.

Catherine GESLAIN-LANÉELLE has more than 30 years of experience in the areas of food, agriculture, forestry and rural development, acquired through the assumption of distinguished national and international-level responsibilities. She combines extensive expertise in the design and implementation of public policies, a demonstrated capacity for leadership in national and intergovernmental organizations and a proven ability for negotiation and international cooperation. She seeks to put these qualities at the service of an ambitious vision for FAO as a global reference organization, fully integrated into the United Nations development system, and which will carry out its mandate in an effective, inclusive and innovative manner while working for the benefit of all Member States and developing partnerships with all relevant actors.

Inspired by these objectives, Catherine GESLAIN-LANÉELLE's candidacy reflects France's commitment to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, as well as its constant commitment to supporting the objectives for which the Organization was established.

Jean-Yves LE DRIAN
Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs
[Signature]

Didier GUILLAUME
Minister for Agriculture and Food
[Signature]

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

[Translation from original in French]

Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle

**Candidate from France and the
European Union for the post of
Director-General of FAO**



In-depth knowledge of food systems, rural development, food security and nutrition.

Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle is an agronomy engineer as well as an engineer specialising in water, bridges and forests. She has dedicated 30 years of her professional life to the issues of food, agriculture, forestry and rural development. In this way, she has acquired a solid knowledge of the functioning of food systems as well as the economic, environmental, health and social issues linked to them. She has successfully designed, implemented and evaluated public policies at the national, European and international levels.

She reflects recognized leadership and experience in managing large and complex organizations.

Over the past 18 years, Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle has led large organizations in France and Europe (of several hundred to more than 4,500 persons), which operate in a multicultural environment and face complex challenges in the areas of agriculture, food and nutrition, and rural and forestry development.

Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle has particularly demonstrated her leadership as the Executive Director of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), an agency with a staff of more than 500 and which relies on an international and European network of scientific organizations comprised of more than 2,000 experts and researchers. She has similarly held some of the highest positions within the Ministry of Agriculture, playing a key role in driving and guiding agricultural and food policies.

With a recognised capacity to manage change, she has transformed the organizations she has led, mobilising their teams with the aim of achieving a shared vision with stakeholders and partners. She has implemented transparent, inclusive and effective management methods, making way for successful change and appropriate modernising which have reinforced a result-oriented culture.

She contributed to the creation and launch of the international initiative and platform, “4 per 1,000: Soils for Food Security and Climate”. Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle has also chaired many European and international committees, including the Codex Alimentarius Committee on General Principles.

Ability to communicate and work in an international environment.

In the international and European context, Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle has demonstrated an enormous capacity for listening and constructive dialogue with all stakeholders, including governments, economic actors, non-governmental organizations, scientists and experts. She has developed fruitful working relationships with many international organizations and forums, particularly FAO, WHO, WTO, OECD, the G7 and G20, and the Rapid Response Forum of the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS).

Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle has also demonstrated strong negotiating and crisis management skills, particularly in the field of health (for example, with foot-and-mouth disease, BSE).

Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle has additionally initiated and directly participated in numerous cooperative projects in the agricultural and agro-food areas. These include creating a farm for grape and wine production in China, contributing to the revision of the agricultural and food strategy of Saudi Arabia, and assessing the cereals market and developing the cereals sector in Egypt.

Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle speaks several languages. She is bilingual in French and English, fluent in Italian and proficient in Spanish. ■

Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle

55 years old

SKILLS

Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle has a strong scientific and technical knowledge of agriculture, rural development, food systems and nutrition, as well as in-depth knowledge of public policies and standards affecting these areas. She has held senior management positions in European and international settings and has demonstrated leadership in leading large and complex organizations, such as the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle has also managed major projects in a multicultural environment and acquired an excellent knowledge of European and international institutions (for example, FAO, WHO, WTO, OECD).

TRAINING AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1986	Agronomy Engineer, AgroParisTech (Paris)
1987	Engineer of water, bridges and forests (ENGREF, Paris)
2001 / 2002	Chair of the Codex Alimentarius Committee on General Principles (WHO-FAO)
2002 / 2006	Vice-President of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) President of a social assistance NGO for homeless people: "Bail pour tous" (A lease for all)
Since 2007	Member of the Board of Directors of the National Veterinary School of Toulouse (France)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Present	Ministerial Delegate to the Minister of Agriculture and Candidate from France and the European Union for the post of Director-General of FAO
September 2013 to June 2018	<p>Director General, appointed by the President of the Republic, Directorate-General of Economic and Environmental Performance of Enterprises, Ministry of Agriculture and Food</p> <p>In 2015, Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle redefined the vision and mission of the Directorate-General, aiming to combine economic, social and environmental performance in agriculture and the agro-food and forestry sectors, as well as to improve the quality of services for partners. By mobilising staff, the organigram was realigned with new strategic priorities and directions. She has also actively worked with international partners, either bilaterally or multilaterally (for example, FAO, G20 and G7 Ministerial Meetings, the Rapid Response Forum/AMIS, OECD Ministerial Meetings, and the European Council).</p> <p>In the context of COP 21 and COP 22 (UN Framework Convention on Climate Change), she contributed to the creation of the international "4 per 1,000: Soils for Food Security and Climate Initiative" and platform (comprised of more than 150 members, including international organizations and countries across all continents). She also implemented an inclusive project on agroecology: "Produire Plus et Mieux" (Produce More and Better) and was responsible for the implementation of the comprehensive project of the États Généraux de l'Alimentation (National Food Conference), which brought together all actors within the food production system in France to collectively produce 5-year commitments and pass legislation.</p>

**July 2006 to
August 2013**

Executive Director of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle headed EFSA, headquartered in Parma, Italy, for 7 years. This European agency provides scientific advice on the risks associated with the food chain and thus provides the basis for European policies and legislation in the area of food risks. With the support of the European institutions and Ministers responsible for food and agriculture, she developed this agency which produces more than 600 scientific opinions per year, employs more than 500 staff (mainly scientists) and relies on a network of more than 2,000 scientific experts in Europe. She has also contributed to increasing cooperative agreements with many countries (for example, USA, Japan, Republic of Korea, Canada).

**April 2003 to
June 2006**

Regional Director of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, Île-de-France Region

**August 2000
to February 2003**

Director-General of Food, appointed by the President of the Republic

Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle was responsible for the design and implementation of policy on food safety, plant health and animal health and welfare. In addition to the 200 staff based in Paris, DGAL has a network of departmental and regional services (with 4,500 staff). She has been involved in the management of several crises (BSE, foot-and-mouth disease). Together with her management team, she has created a national directive on sanitary and phytosanitary policy entitled "Du champ à l'assiette" (From field to plate). She has also actively contributed to the first National Nutrition and Health Plan (PNNS), which aims to use food to improve the health status of the population. She has worked closely with the European Commission, Member States and international organizations (FAO, WHO, OIE, IPPC) as well.

**November 1998
to July 2000**

Deputy Director of International Exchanges

While responsible for French food aid and international cooperation, she strengthened food security and rural development and worked closely with many international organizations, in particular FAO, WTO, WHO, the Codex Alimentarius and OECD. She also carried out bilateral cooperative projects (for example, with the People's Republic of China).

**June 1997 to
November 1998**

Counsellor in charge of animal production and the environment in the Office of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries

**January 1994 to
May 1997**

Head of the Bureau of Milk and Dairy Products, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

1991 to 1993

National expert - European Commission - Directorate-General, Internal Market and Industry

Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle has contributed to developing European legislation to protect consumers (for example, regarding chemicals used in food). She also represented the European Commission on the Codex Alimentarius Committee on Food Additives.

1988 to 1990

Preparation of Objective 92 (EU internal market) at the Directorate-General for Food (DGAL)

1987

Analysis of the organization of the cereals sector and market in Egypt as well as key competitiveness factors (Arab Republic of Egypt)

Appendix D

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The Embassy of Georgia in Rome presents its compliments to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and has the honor to transmit herewith the letter of the Foreign Minister of Georgia Mr. Davit Zalkaliani addressed to the Secretary General of the Conference and Council of FAO Mr. Louis Gagnon concerning the decision of the Government of Georgia to present the candidature of Mr. Davit Kirvalidze to the post of the Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

The Embassy of Georgia in Rome avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Rome, 17 January 2019

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MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF GEORGIA

Tbilisi, 15 January 2019

Dear Secretary-General,

I have the pleasure to refer to the elections of the Director-General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for the period of 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2023, to take place at the 41st Session of the FAO Conference (22-29 June 2019).

In this regard, I have the honour to present, on behalf of the Government of Georgia, the candidacy of Dr. Davit Kirvalidze, for the aforementioned post.

The decision on this nomination has been made in recognition of Dr. Davit Kirvalidze's professional competences and 29 years of comprehensive experience in the field of agriculture and rural development. Dr. Kirvalidze is currently Advisor to the Prime Minister of Georgia and a member of the Board of Directors of the US-based, international non-profit organization – "Cultivating New Frontiers in Agriculture (CNFA)". He served 2 terms as the Minister of Agriculture, pioneering major structural reforms leading to institutional development, modernization of agricultural infrastructure and promotion of export growth, and prior to that - as Chairman of the Agrarian Committee in the Parliament of Georgia. He has also managed projects funded by international donors and has practical experience as a farmer. Dr. Davit Kirvalidze has earned the global reputation as an eminent expert providing technical and managerial support in different parts of the world, worked with various international organizations and directed programs in numerous countries.

The detailed Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Davit Kirvalidze is herewith enclosed.

Mr. Louis Gagnon

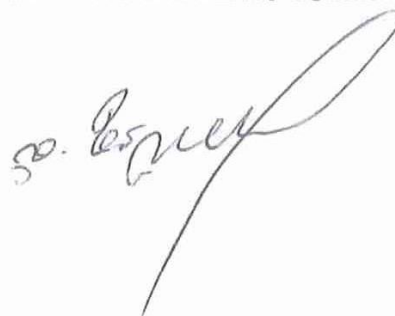
Secretary-General of the Conference and Council of the
United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
Rome

We believe that Dr. Davit Kirvalidze's skills and qualifications acquired in his diverse capacities of policy-maker, legislator, manager, expert, academician and farmer will serve as an invaluable asset for the FAO in fulfilling its mandate and contributing to the accomplishment of the pledge we all made while adopting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development that no one will be left behind.

I should be grateful if you officially register the candidacy Dr. Davit Kirvalidze and notify the Member States of the Organization of this nomination accordingly.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary-General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

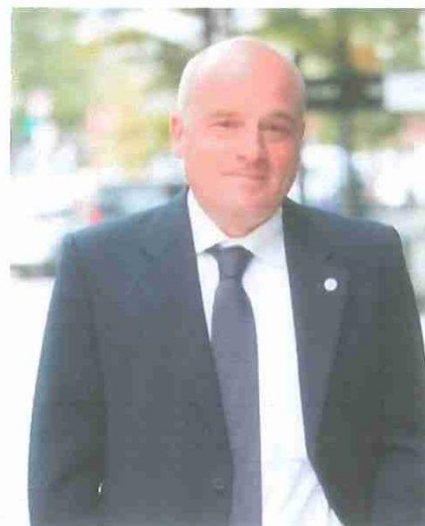
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Zalkaliani', with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the bottom right.

David Zalkaliani

Dr. Davit Kirvalidze

*Candidate of Georgia for Director-General
of the Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations (FAO)*



Currently serving as advisor to the Prime Minister of Georgia on agriculture and rural development, Dr. Davit Kirvalidze brings 29 years of leadership and management experience in agriculture, specifically focused on development policy, value-added agriculture and private sector development. Throughout his career, Dr. Kirvalidze has been involved with agriculture, rural development and ecology in various capacities, as a scholar, farmer, legislator, manager, decision maker, reformer, fundraiser and donor. He served two terms as Minister of Agriculture of Georgia, where he initiated and led institutional reforms to increase productivity and competitiveness, expand access to finance, stimulate export growth and attract investments into Georgian agriculture sector and food industry. Prior to serving as Georgia's Minister of Agriculture, Dr. Kirvalidze was an elected Member of Parliament and Chair of the Agrarian Committee.

Following independence, Dr. Kirvalidze emerged as an architect and leader of Georgia's evolving agricultural and rural sector, encompassing commercial farms, smallholders, small and medium enterprises and service providers. His wide-ranging experience includes all aspects of agriculture and agribusiness, as well as his practical background as a farmer. As Minister of Agriculture and through private consulting, he has worked with all major International Organizations and Programs. Dr. Kirvalidze represented the Government of Georgia to FAO and IFAD.

Dr. Kirvalidze began as a lecturer at the Georgian State Agricultural University and Institute of Environmental Protection, Ecology and Agribusiness and has subsequently undertaken advisory and policy work in Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Ireland, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, the Netherlands, Ukraine, United States, Uzbekistan, Zimbabwe. As a Senior Advisor to the President of Cultivating New Frontiers in Agriculture (CNFA), an international development organization, Dr. Kirvalidze provided strategic planning expertise leading to the award of 15 projects in a number of countries with funding of over \$120 million. Since 2014, he has continued to guide this leading agricultural development organization as a member of its Board of Directors.

Dr. Kirvalidze holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Agricultural Sciences as well as a degree in Soil Science and Agro-chemistry from Georgian State Agricultural University in Tbilisi. He was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Maryland and undertook significant work on strategies for sustainable agricultural and rural development in transition economies. He is fluent in Georgian, English and Russian.

Davit Kirvalidze, Ph.D.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- 1990–1993 Doctor of Philosophy, Agricultural Sciences – Georgian State Agricultural University and Lomonosov Moscow State University.
- 1984–1990 Bachelor of Arts, Soil Science and Agro-chemistry – Georgian State Agricultural University, Tbilisi, Georgia.
- Member of International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS)
- Member of European Society for Soil Conservation (ESSC)

COUNTRIES OF WORK EXPERIENCE

Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Ireland, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, the Netherlands, Ukraine, United States, Uzbekistan, Zimbabwe.

KEY QUALIFICATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Kirvalidze is a Georgian native with a strong educational background in agricultural sciences, proven leadership capability and strong managerial skills. He has consulted on development policy in agriculture, rural development and private sector business development. Dr. Kirvalidze served two terms as the Minister of Agriculture and Food of Georgia, instituting a series of structural and policy reforms. Prior to that, he was a member of the Parliament of Georgia and Chairman of the Agrarian Committee. He has led projects funded by international donors and has practical experience as a farmer. As a key implementer, designer and advisor in agribusiness enterprise development, Dr. Kirvalidze has successfully linked thousands of small-scale farmers to finance, inputs, agronomic services and expanding markets in Eastern European, African and Asian countries. These sustainable and successful efforts, undertaken with key donor-government cooperation, have resulted in launching successful public-private partnerships, expanding productivity and increasing incomes of thousands of producers and processors.

Reforms

Dr. Kirvalidze was responsible for the design and implementation of two rounds of extensive agricultural reforms during his terms as the Minister of Agriculture of Georgia in 2000–2004 and 2012–2013. Under his leadership, rural and agricultural development strategies and corresponding implementation plans were developed and initiated. These reforms addressed a full array of issues and challenges in the agricultural sector, including improving access to finance for agricultural firms, adopting new legislation on agricultural cooperation that resulted in the creation of the Agricultural Cooperatives' Development Agency, successfully negotiating the Association Agreement and Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area Agreement with the European Union, establishing a Scientific Research Centre for Agriculture and creating a national agricultural extension network. These reforms were aimed at reduction of rural poverty, elimination of hunger, ensuring economic growth and restoration of infrastructure within the sector. These projects and reforms resulted in over 50% increase in total agricultural output from 2012 to 2017, halving Georgia's negative agricultural trade balance by USD 366 million and increasing the commercial banks' total loan portfolio to the sector from USD 35 million to over USD 600 million within 3 years.

Crisis Management

Immediate Response to 2008 armed conflict impact-resilience and migration prevention

Dr. Kirvalidze developed and coordinated Georgia's Agricultural Risk Reduction Program (GARRP), which was initiated shortly after the 2008 armed conflict. This program addressed the needs of over 40,000 Georgian farm families directly affected by the conflict, providing them livelihood assistance, addressing food security, and ensuring their economic recovery after the conflict. This program allowed 150,000 inhabitants in central Georgia to ensure successful winter crop planting and orchard care, generating a harvest worth more than USD 70 million and enabling those affected by the conflict to remain in their homes.

Drought Relief – fighting hunger

As a response to severe droughts affecting Georgia in early 2000s, which caused substantial reductions in harvests (especially harvest of cereals in East Georgia and extreme shortages of wheat and maize on the market), as the Minister of Agriculture at that time, Dr. Kirvalidze designed and oversaw an immediate response plan and mobilized the UNDP, FAO, WFP, bilateral donors and Georgian NGOs to ensure timely assistance and successful implementation of the Drought Relief Program. Immediate food and feed support were provided to over 400,000 farm families countrywide. The program took a long-term view on supporting affected farmers by providing seeding materials and ensuring the planting of new, drought-resistant cereals on over 40,000 hectares.

Dr. Kirvalidze specializes in rural/agricultural development policy, agricultural supply/value chains, small and medium enterprise (SME) development, and service providers. His experience also includes business development, primary production, value-added agriculture, and sustainable use of soil and other natural resources. Dr. Kirvalidze has excellent diplomatic, negotiation and communication skills, and the ability to lead and work effectively with people of different national and cultural backgrounds. He speaks fluent Georgian, English and Russian.

CHRONOLOGICAL WORK HISTORY

ADVISOR TO PRIME MINISTER OF GEORGIA

March 2017 / Present – Administration of the Government of Georgia

Advising Prime Minister of Georgia on issues of agriculture and rural development. Representing the Administration of the Government of Georgia at official meetings, visits, conferences and related events.

PROFESSOR

2013 / Present – State Agricultural University, Georgia

RESEARCHER/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

1990 / 2013 – State Agricultural University, Georgia

Responsible for the development and implementation of Soil Science and Environmental Studies programs, lecturing, research, and publications.

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 2014 / Present – CNFA (Cultivating New Frontiers in Agriculture), United States

MINISTER

October 2012 / May 2013 – Ministry of Agriculture, Georgia

Led a series of significant reforms and activities in agricultural sector of Georgia:

- Initiated development of the Agriculture Development Strategy and Action Plan for Georgia, targeting the improvement of competitiveness of farmers and rural entrepreneurs, value chain development, institutional capacity building, and development of regional and agricultural infrastructure. The implementation of the Strategy and Action Plan resulted in improvement of volume and quality of production, increased sustainability of agri-businesses and creation of new jobs, alleviation of poverty, improved food security and increase of exports. As a result of these reforms, the output of primary agriculture and food industry increased by 50%, and exports by more than 300 million US Dollars.
- Designed and successfully launched countrywide, tailor-made programs for financing agriculture and food industry. As a result of the program, which raised over 600 million USD in fresh capital, the total volume of formal finance to the sector increased ten-fold;
- Led negotiations on Association Agreement and DCFTA with the EU, resulting in free trade with the European states. As a result of this activity, Georgian agricultural exports reached an unprecedented level of 778 million USD;
- Initiated and successfully accomplished negotiations with trade partners, including Russia, to open markets for Georgian produce;
- Initiated key structural reforms targeted at establishment of agricultural cooperatives, research and extension systems, capacity building of the laboratory network, food safety system upgrade, and land market development;
- Initiated rehabilitation and upgrade of the irrigation and drainage infrastructure; as a result, tens of thousands of hectares of land received access to irrigation and drainage services;
- Initiated and successfully accomplished negotiations with donors such as EU, World Bank, IFAD, Dutch Government, and others on projects targeted at modernization of Georgian agriculture and food industry. The negotiations resulted in an injection of 200 million USD of donor funds into the Georgian agriculture and food industry.

SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT**June 2006 / October 2012 – CNFA, United States**

Responsibilities included new business development, country and agricultural sector research/analysis, preparation of presentations and project proposals, strategic planning, and negotiations in prospective countries. With Dr. Kirvalidze's direct participation, CNFA was awarded 15 projects with funding of more than 120 million USD. In addition, he supervised CNFA's projects in the CIS, with particular emphasis on the Caucasus and Central Asia.

VISITING SCHOLAR**September 2005 / June 2006 – University of Maryland, Fulbright Program, United States**

Fulbright Scholar researching and lecturing on the effectiveness of foreign aid for rural/agricultural development in Georgia and other countries in transition.

- Conducted research and lectured on: Structuring and Negotiating Development Assistance to Transition Countries: Searching for Better Practices;
- Identified better practices for reforming development assistance in the Newly Independent States;
- Elaborated the Model Strategy for Sustainable Agricultural/Rural Development for transition countries.

MINISTER**2000 / 2004 – Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Georgia**

Initiated and led major reforms, creating a more favorable climate for sustainable economic development and reorienting the Ministry to address the changes required to grasp the opportunities of a market economy.

- Implemented a Market-Led Agricultural Sector Growth Policy;
- Designed and successfully coordinated countrywide drought emergency relief program;
- Managed more than 6,000 professional and support staff within the Ministry of Agriculture and subordinated agencies;
- Prepared and adopted the "Strategy for Sustainable Agricultural Development and Food Security" of Georgia;
- Negotiated projects and programs with international financial institutions and bilateral donors (with a total value of more than 250 million USD);
- Initiated the restructuring of the Ministry's internal management and program design
- Introducing modern and transparent budgeting and financial control systems;
- Served as a Governor (Georgia's representative) to FAO and IFAD.

CHAIRMAN, MP**1999 / 2000 – Parliament of Georgia, Agrarian Issues Committee, Georgia**

As an elected member of parliament, led a nineteen-member committee, responsible for overseeing and monitoring government practices and legislation.

- Oversaw and monitored the activities of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food and the State Department of Land Management;
- Reviewed, initiated and promoted agricultural legislation, treaties, and agreements.
- Initiated countrywide reform on land titling, ensuring provision of valid land titles to farmers and land owners.

FARMER, DIRECTOR FOR DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION**1996 / 1999 – Fund for Georgian Private Farmers Assistance, Georgia**

Engaged in potato farming in Southeastern Georgia. Developed and implemented two projects financed by the Dutch Government, then worth 2.5 million Dutch Guilders; introducing new, modern potato varieties from the Netherlands; adopting environmentally friendly, best modern agricultural practices; establishing the first modern potato warehouse in the country, and increasing shelf-life for seed and table potatoes for domestic and international markets.

LECTURER**1993 / 1998 – Institute of Environmental Protection, Ecology and Agribusiness, Georgia**

Lectured at the International Joint Center of Georgian Academy of Sciences and the University of Georgia (US) on subjects of ecology and agribusiness. Taught the following courses:

- Soil Science;
- Environmental Protection and Management;
- Farming System Analysis and Management.

Appendix E

*Embassy of India
Rome*



**भारत का राजदूतावास
रोम**

No. ROME/AGRI/FAO/241/28/2018

3 January, 2019

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

In accordance with the provisions of Article VII-1 of the FAO Constitution and Rule XXXVII-1(a) of the General Rules of the Organization, the FAO Conference, at its 41st Session from 22-29 June, 2019 will appoint the Director-General of FAO for the period 1st August 2019 to 31 July, 2023.

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of India has decided to submit the candidature of Dr. Ramesh Chand for the position of Director-General of FAO.

As Member of the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) in the rank of Minister of State, Dr. Ramesh Chand is directly steering India's development agenda in agriculture and food security. A renowned agricultural economist and policy maker, Dr. Chand holds a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi. During his long and distinguished career spanning over 30 years, Dr. Chand has served in eminent academic positions, chaired a number of high-level committees and led several research projects funded by international organizations. He has published more than 100 research papers and seven books. With his vast experience and strong credentials, Dr. Chand will be able to provide necessary leadership in steering the organization.

I attach the CV of Dr. Ramesh Chand and would be grateful if you could officially register his candidature and notify the Member States of the Organization.

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

(Reenat Sandhu)

Ambassador/Permanent Representative to the
United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization

Mr. Louis Gagnon

Secretary-General of the Conference and Council of the
United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization
ROME



Dr. Ramesh Chand

(Candidate of INDIA for the position of Director General
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations)

Profile

Dr. Ramesh Chand (age 62 years) is a renowned Indian agricultural economist and policy maker. Since 2015, he has been Member, National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog in the rank of Union Minister of State, Government of India. NITI Aayog, formerly Planning Commission of India, is a policy think tank chaired by the Prime Minister of India. In this position, Dr. Chand is directly steering India's development agenda in agriculture and food security. He is also providing policy inputs to Central ministries and state governments in water resources, SDGs, poverty alleviation, forest and environment, sustainable livelihood, smallholder development, food processing and agri-technology. Dr. Chand has prepared India's vision, strategy and action agenda for the agriculture sector.

He is also a member of the Fifteenth Finance Commission of India, which decides devolution of taxes between the Union Government and the States.

Education

Dr. Ramesh Chand holds Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Agriculture from Punjab Agricultural University, India. He also has a Ph.D in Agricultural Economics from Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, India.

Other Responsibilities

- Member of the Board of Trustees (BoT) of CIMMYT (International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center), Mexico-2016-Present.
- Member of the Policy Advisory Council (PAC) of the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR), Canberra, Australia 2016-Present.
- Member of the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on the Future of Food Security and Agriculture (2016-2018).

Academic and Research Contributions

Dr. Chand has served in eminent academic positions including: National Professor at Indian Council of Agricultural Research for five years, Principal Scientist at National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, New Delhi for ten years, Professor at Institute of Economic Growth, University of Delhi, and Professor at Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, India; Visiting Professor at University of Wollongong, NSW, Australia, and Visiting Fellow at Institute of Developing Economies, Chiba Shi Japan. He also headed the National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, New Delhi as its Director for six years.

Through his research, Dr. Chand has shaped the discourse on agriculture and food security in India and in Asia. He has published more than 100 research papers, seven books and ten policy papers. His research, over the last three decades, has focused on agricultural economics, food policy, agri markets, growth and development, small-holders' development, natural resources, food and nutrition security, subsidies and investments, trade and WTO, and technology policy. Dr. Chand has led over a dozen research projects funded by international organizations like FAO, OECD, World Bank, UNCTAD, UNDP, Commonwealth, and UNESCAP. He regularly writes in National newspapers and reputed magazines and participates in media debates.

Policy Making

Prior to being appointed Member, NITI Aayog, Dr. Chand chaired several high level committees at the highest levels of Indian government including the Planning Commission of India and Prime Minister's Office. His model for achieving 4% growth in Indian agriculture achieved the desired goal.

He has impacted global agricultural policies and research through various roles, including Member of Board of Trustee of International Wheat and Maize Improvement Centre, Mexico, 2016; Member, Policy Advisory Committee of Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research, 2016; Member, Food Security Committee of Global Food Security Council of World Economic Forum, Geneva, 2016-2017. He has served as India's nodal officer on agriculture and rural development for SAARC and UNESCAP for 6 years and was responsible for preparing SAARC Agriculture Vision. In addition, he has advised Government of India on G20 matters as a **senior expert** and participated in multiple G20 meetings during the Presidency of France, Mexico and Russia. Dr. Chand has been instrumental in deliberations and preparation of policy recommendations at multiple international events across 20+ countries on topics such as food and nutrition security, poverty, trade and WTO, food and price policy, and agriculture growth and development.

Leadership and Administrative Roles

- Guides and leads preparation of development strategy for 12 ministries of Government of India, and heading four Verticals of NITI Aayog, 2015 to date.
- Director, ICAR National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, New Delhi, 2010 to 2015.
- National Professor, National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, New Delhi, 2006 to 2010.
- Professor and Head, Agricultural Economics Unit, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi University Enclave, Delhi, 2002-2004.

International Experience

- Visiting Professor, University of Wollongong, Wollongong, NSW Australia, April to August 2000.
- Visiting Research Fellow, Institute of Developing Economies, JETRO, Chiba Shi, Japan, May to September, 2003.
- Senior Policy Subscriber to FAO RAP, Bangkok, for Three Months, During June 2007 to May 2008.
- Undertaken 15 research projects as Consultant for FAO, ESCAP/United Nations, UNDP, UNCTAD, Commonwealth, World Bank, OECD.
- Participated in several activities of FAO Rome and FAO RAP Bangkok.

Special Assignments

- **Chaired** various Committees/Working Groups on Agriculture, Food Policy, Food Security, Farm Income, Market and Prices and WTO constituted by various Ministries and Planning Commission, Government of India and various States.
- **Member**, Steering Committee on Agriculture for 11th and 12th Five Year Plans, Planning Commission of India. **Prepared model** for 4% growth in Agriculture sector during XI Plan.
- **Represented** in 15 high level committees and experts groups constituted by Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Food, Public Distribution, and Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, as Member or Chairperson.
- Prepared **white paper** on Medium Term Priority Framework for FAO in India, 2009.
- **Chief Editor**, Agricultural Economics Research Review, New Delhi, 2014 -2015.
- **Member** in India's delegation to G20 for Agriculture Group, 2011 and 2012.
- **Nodal officer** nominated by Government of India for Agriculture and Rural Development matters related to SAARC for six years.
- Served as **GB Member** of SAARC Agriculture Centre, Dhaka.

Significant Awards/Recognitions

- ❑ **ATAL BEHARI VAJPAYEE MEMORIAL AWARD** of Indian Economic Association for life time contributions in Economics Research (2018).
- ❑ **RAFI AHMED KIDWAI AWARD 2011** for outstanding contribution in the field of Social Sciences, by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi, India.
- ❑ **JAWAHARLAL NEHRU AWARD-1985** by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi, in recognition of the outstanding research contributions of Ph.D. thesis.
- ❑ **Fellow**, National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, New Delhi, India.
- ❑ **Fellow**, Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, India.
- ❑ **President** for Conference of Indian Society of Agri Economics (2015), Indian Economics Association 2019.

Other Information

Dr. Ramesh Chand is married to Mrs. Anita Bajarh who is an educationist. Dr. Chand has travelled extensively around the world and has in-depth knowledge of international agriculture. He is fluent in English, Hindi, Punjabi and spoken Urdu.

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