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Excellency,

I write on behalf of the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), to convey to the Executive Board of the World Food Programme (WFP) their decision regarding the appointment of the next WFP Executive Director.

As you are aware, the process leading to the final selection entailed the following: the Secretariat of the United Nations and FAO wrote to Member States requesting nominations for the post relying on the Terms of Reference that the Board had reviewed. We also invited applications through a public advertisement of the post on the United Nations Senior Leadership Vacancies web page and undertook other outreach initiatives through various networks and channels.

A total of 54 applications/nominations were received of which nine candidates were short-listed for a joint interview by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General and the Office of the FAO Director-General. The interview panel recommended four finalists. Following close consideration of, and a discussion on the recommendation of the panel, the Secretary-General and the Director-General agreed on the selected candidate.

The Secretary-General and Director-General are pleased to convey herewith their intention to appoint Mr. Luke John Lindberg of the United States of America as the next WFP Executive Director for a term of five years. The curriculum vitae of Mr. Lindberg is attached for ease of reference.

Her Excellency
Ms. Carla Barroso Carneiro
Permanent Representative of Brazil
to the Food and Agriculture Organization
President of the World Food Programme Executive Board
Rome

I should appreciate it if you would undertake the necessary consultations with the Members of the WFP Executive Board concerning the above decision. Upon receipt of confirmation of your consultations, the Secretary-General and the FAO Director-General will proceed with the appointment and announcement of Mr. Lindberg as the new WFP Executive Director.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'E. Rattray', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

E. Courtenay Rattray
Chef de Cabinet