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November 30, 2011

Dear Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon:

We, professionals working to eliminate hunger and to achieve the first Millennium Development Goal, wish to express our very strong support for a second term for Josette Sheeran as Executive Director of the UN World Food Program. Many of us participated in the UN Millennium Project Task Force on Hunger, which in 2005 recommended to the UN General Assembly that food aid be coupled with smallholder family food production and nutrition in Africa and other hungry regions. We emphasized that 90 percent of the hungry people in the world are chronically hungry and malnourished, and that most of them live in rural farm households of Africa. The remaining 10 percent are the acutely hungry, victims of wars, drought or other catastrophes and most of them live in refugee camps like Daadab where they are incapable of growing their own food. We noted that it costs six times as much to send one ton of maize to Africa from the US Food Aid program than it costs for African farmers to buy the high-yield seeds and fertilizers needed to grow that extra ton of maize.

When Ms. Sheeran took over the leadership of the World Food Program in 2007, she was faced with enormous demands to help feed the hungry in the face of spiraling food prices. Rather than continuing with a business-as-usual approach, she launched a new era for the World Food Programme. Ms Sheeran developed a new approach for WFP, one which the agency's food stocks in Africa come from African farmers themselves. This bold step not only created a very significant income stream for the chronically hungry, but also effectively linked food aid with increased food production in Africa, a powerful combination. Ms. Sheeran also took strong measures to increase the nutritional content of food aid so that proteins and vitamins are included in a more diverse diet for primary school children. She has opened new hopes for countless millions of Africa's hungry, and hunger-stricken people in other parts of the world.

We strongly feel that continuation of her leadership role in the World Food Program is not only highly deserved but also a powerful way to continue to help the hungry and malnourished people of Africa, and elsewhere, to achieve the Millennium Development Goal to reduce hunger by at least half by 2015.

Sincerely,

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