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Sir,

The Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations at its Seventy-Fifth Session, held in Rome from 10 to 22 June 1979, considered arrangements for the Twentieth Session of the FAO Conference, which is to open at FAO Headquarters in Rome on Saturday 10 November and conclude on 29 November 1979.

Under Rule VII of the General Rules of the Organization, it is the responsibility of the Council to nominate the Chairman of the Conference and the Chairmen of the three Commissions of the Conference. Such formal nominations will be announced as usual at the Seventy-Sixth Session of the Council immediately preceding the Twentieth Session of the Conference.

In this connection, I have the honour to inform you that at a meeting of Heads of Delegations members of the Council, Dr H.S. Swaminathan, Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, was designated for the Office of Chairman of Commission II of the Conference, which deals with the activities and programmes of the Organization.

His Excellency  
Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
New Delhi

cc: H.E. the Minister of Agriculture  
and Irrigation, New Delhi

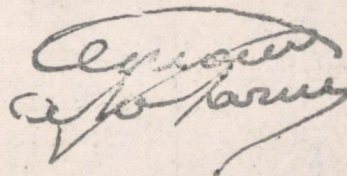
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ration)  
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Prior to announcing this nomination, the Council requested me to obtain the formal concurrence of your Government, and to draw attention to the fact that it will be desirable for the Chairmen of the Commissions of the Conference to arrive in Rome a few days before the opening of the Session on 10 November, and remain until the end of the Conference.

I am particularly gratified that Dr M.S. Swaminathan has been designated for this important function and look forward to receiving your Government's agreement.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.



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Director-General