



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The Director-General

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Dear Dr. Swaminathan,

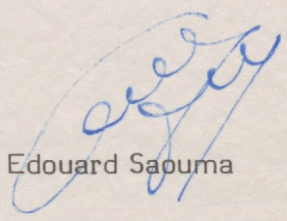
I have the honour to refer to the general discussion which is taking place in the Plenary and, in particular, to the country statement which you will be making on behalf of your Government. To reiterate my words at the beginning of our proceedings, I attach the greatest importance to this essential function of our Conference.

While my wish would have been to follow personally the whole of the discussion in the Plenary, there are a number of other matters which call for my attention during this very busy period.

To my great regret, therefore, I shall be unable to be present at the time you deliver your country statement. I have, however, designated the Deputy Director-General and when not available, the Secretary-General of the Conference, to attend the Plenary on my behalf. Also, I have arranged for the verbatim record of your statement to be brought to my attention without delay so that I may study it carefully and subsequently take into account your views and wishes.

I trust you will appreciate the position in which I am placed and thank you in advance for your understanding on this occasion.

Accept, Dear Dr. Swaminathan, the assurance of my highest consideration.


Edouard Saouma

Dr. M.S. Swaminathan
Independent Chairman of the Council