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The Director-General

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Dear Mr. Swaminathan,

As we begin the new week, after the conclusion of the 20th Session of the Conference, my first and most pleasant task is to express my sincere thanks to you, for your brilliant chairing of Commission II of the Conference.

I convey the appreciation of the entire Secretariat and my own personally. I am convinced, moreover, that I can also express the same sentiment on behalf of all our Member Nations.

Commission II had a weighty agenda, including as it did, the key issues of the Programme of Work and Budget for the next biennium, the reviews of the Regular and Field Programmes and the Medium Term Plan. The fact that all these important and sensitive issues were dealt with so thoroughly and expeditiously, is certainly a tribute to your wisdom and decisiveness, as well as a reflection of the respect which you enjoyed from all delegations.

As you know, the relationship between your Government and our Organization is very precious to me. I rejoice in the fact that this period of especially close collaboration will go towards ensuring an ever stronger link between you and FAO and with me personally.

May I take this opportunity to renew the assurance of my high consideration and best personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

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