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Dear Dr Swaminathan

Thank you for your letter of 7 September 1983 concerning your nomination for re-election as Independent Chairman of the FAO Council for the period 1983-1985.

I am pleased to be able to tell you that the New Zealand Government would be happy to see you continue as Independent Chairman of the FAO Council until November 1985 and we have accordingly given the Government of India assurances that New Zealand will support your re-election to the post.

I look forward to meeting you in Rome, next month.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Duncan MacKinnon'.

Minister of Agriculture