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Addendum

The attention of the Governing Council is drawn to the letter from Italy and the note verbale from Mexico, attached hereto for your information.



*Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

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del 19/12/2016



Dear Ms. Secretary,

I would like to refer to the letter dated November 7th, 2016 that my predecessor, Mr. Matteo Renzi, has addressed to you to formally present the nomination by the Italian Government of Professor Paolo De Castro as candidate for the office of President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

I am honoured to confirm the support of the Italian Government to the candidacy of Professor De Castro.

His internationally acknowledged expertise and academic background on rural development and food security combines with his longstanding political experience, including as a former Italian Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Policy as well as Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development at the European Parliament. He served, as scientific coordinator, at the International Center for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM), an International Organization based in Paris.

Furthermore, as mentioned in the nomination letter, he is currently the promoter and coordinator of the European Parliament Alliance "Fight against Hunger", which works in partnership with FAO.

We believe that Professor De Castro is eminently qualified for the position of President of IFAD and would further contribute to develop the role of the Fund in its core mandate of fighting rural poverty.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Paolo Gentiloni

Ms. Cheryl Morden
Secretary of IFAD, a.i.
ROME



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La Representación Permanente de México ante los Organismos Internacionales con sede en Roma saluda atentamente a la Secretaría del Fondo Internacional de Desarrollo Agrícola y hace referencia a la Nota Verbal IFAD/SEC/2016/XII/7 de fecha 15 de diciembre relativa a la reunión de los candidatos a la presidencia del FIDA con los miembros del Fondo el 19 y 20 de enero de 2017.

Al respecto, la Representación Permanente transmite la solicitud de la Maestra Gina Casar de que su entrevista se lleve a cabo el 20 de enero, en virtud de que el día anterior ella se encontrará en Suiza en una reunión de trabajo.

Adicionalmente, la Representación Permanente llama a su atención a que el título de la Sra. Casar es "Maestra", ella no ostenta el título de "Doctora", y que constituye un error en la elaboración de la carta de presentación, como se puede comprobar en su Curriculum Vitae, por lo que se agradecerá tomar en cuenta esta información para el futuro.

La Representación Permanente de México ante los Organismos Internacionales con sede en Roma aprovecha la ocasión para reiterar a la Secretaría del Fondo Internacional de Desarrollo Agrícola las seguridades de su consideración más distinguida.

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 ROMA, ITALIA

Roma, 19 de diciembre de 2016

**Al Fondo Internacional para el Desarrollo Agrícola
 Roma**

Ministry of External Relations
Office of the Permanent Representative of Mexico
to the United Nations agencies based in Rome
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The Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations agencies based in Rome greets the Secretary of the International Fund for Agricultural Development and makes reference to Note Verbale IFAD/SEC/2016/XII/7 dated 15 December regarding the meeting between the candidates for the position of President of IFAD and the Fund's members to be held on 19 and 20 January 2017.

In this regard, the Permanent Representative would like to convey a request from Ms Gina Casar that her interview be held on 20 January as on the previous day she will be in Switzerland for a business meeting.

In addition, the Permanent Representative would like to draw your attention to Ms Casar's title, which is "Maestra". She does not use the title "Doctora"; this was an error made in preparing the letter of presentation, as borne out by her curriculum vitae. We would appreciate your taking this information into account in the future.

The Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations agencies based in Rome takes this opportunity to reiterate to the Secretary of the International Fund for Agricultural Development the assurances of his highest consideration.

[stamp – Delegation of Mexico to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations – initialed]

Rome, 19 December 2016

To the International Fund for Agricultural Development
Rome