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Dear Ambassador Arvelo,

I would like to congratulate you for your achievements as Chairperson of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) over the past 2 years. You managed through your dedicated leadership to maneuver the CFS successfully through the challenges the world is facing in the era of sustainable development, and at the same time, brought the CFS forward to achieve remarkable results.

Under your leadership the Committee substantially advanced its engagement in nutrition within the framework of the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition and the outcomes of the Second International Conference on Nutrition, and now stands up to fully address its mandate to achieve not only food security but also improved nutrition for all.

I would like to particularly thank you for having invited WHO as member of the CFS Advisory Group. This opened the possibility for us to provide technical inputs and guidance on nutrition and health related matters to the Bureau and Advisory Group, and related Open Ended Working Groups and Technical Task Teams on a number of occasions. Under your leadership the path was paved to create stronger linkages between the Agriculture, Nutrition and Health communities. I would very much appreciate your continuous support in this matter.

I take this opportunity to wish you all the best for your future endeavours. I am confident that we will continue our fruitful collaboration.

Yours sincerely,

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