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Dear Ambassador and CFS Chairperson,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letters from 23 October and 7 November 2017 and thank you for expressing your appreciation for WHO's contributions to the work of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) and our active participation in the 44<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session of the Committee this year.

I particularly thank you and the Bureau for appointing WHO as full member of the CFS Advisory Group. It is my pleasure to accept this invitation and to let you know that WHO will be represented in the Advisory Group and related Open Ended Working Groups by our Director Dr Francesco Branca and his colleague Dr Marzella Wüstefeld from the Department of Nutrition for Health and Development, who acted as focal points over the past two years.

WHO stands ready to particularly engage in support of the implementation of CFS's strategy 'CFS engagement in advancing nutrition' and the process of policy convergence leading to the development of voluntary guidelines for food systems and nutrition, with the aim to achieve our joint vision of a world free from hunger and malnutrition in all its forms, within the framework of the Decade of Action on Nutrition and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

It will be my pleasure to continue working with you and to providing WHO expertise and leadership support for CFS to better catalyse action by all stakeholders to reach together the important results the Committee is expected to deliver.

I look forward to meeting you in person during one of your next visits to Geneva.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus  
Director-General