

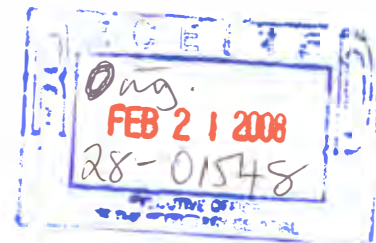
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The Director-General

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Dear Deputy Secretary-General,

I have the pleasure to refer to your letter of 15 January 2008 forwarding the revised MDG monitoring framework for use in reporting to the General Assembly and for all other official purposes.

I am pleased to note that FAO has been actively involved in the technical work to select the appropriate indicators for the four new MDG targets, in particular through its work on the use of indicators in sustainable agriculture and rural development in the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on MDG Indicators.

FAO appreciates the importance of the new framework for ensuring coherence and consistency on MDG monitoring and will continue to use this framework in future reporting. The Organization remains committed to working with entities in the United Nations system and other partners to ensure full support for the achievement of the MDGs.

Yours sincerely,

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