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13 July 2016

Dear Mr. Graziano da Silva,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I would like to thank you for your letter dated 30 June 2016, inviting him to deliver keynote remarks at the side event entitled "Pathways to Zero Hunger" during the upcoming session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The period during the opening of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly and the General Debate will be an extremely busy time for all parties. Please be assured that your request has been brought to the attention of the Secretary-General. However, we are still receiving information about numerous meetings and events relating to the session which will require his presence. It is therefore not possible to determine how much time will be available for his participation in events until closer to the opening of the General Debate.

Although the Secretary-General is unable to make a firm commitment at this stage, I wish to assure you that your kind invitation will be kept in mind as his programme develops. Should his participation become a possibility, the Scheduling Office of the Secretary-General will revert to you to discuss the relevant arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

Edmond Mulet
Chef de Cabinet

Mr. José Graziano da Silva
Director-General
Food and Agriculture Organization
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Rome

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Response to Invitation to the Secretary-General : - invitation to the "Pathways to Zero Hunger" side event during GA71

Benjamin Knight to: director-general

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Cc: Alexandra Barahona Posada, Mary Sack, G. Cucinotta, Sophie Guesne, Rommel Maranan, Jackilyn Punsal, Amy Kyaw, Wook-Jin Chang

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing on behalf of Mr. CHANG Wook-jin, Chief of the Scheduling Unit of the Executive Office of the Secretary-General. Please find attached a scan of formal communication to Mr. José Graziano da Silva regarding the above-mentioned subject.

The original has been sent via mail. Kindly confirm receipt of this email.

Yours sincerely,

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The Director-General

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Dear Mr Secretary-General,

I have the pleasure to refer to the United Nations Conference for Sustainable Development (Rio+20), in which you launched the Zero Hunger Challenge. Your call provided the necessary momentum to mobilize commitment and push for concrete action to end hunger and malnutrition. Governments, the UN system, international and regional organizations as well as civil society, the private sector, the academia and other partners are all contributing to achieve Zero Hunger for all.

The Zero Hunger Challenge has a natural home in Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) number 2, yet its elements are present and relevant to the entire 2030 Development Agenda. Indeed, the indivisible nature of the 2030 Agenda is clearly seen in our efforts to end hunger and malnutrition: it is crucial to sustainable development and, at the same time, dependent on the achievement of all SDGs.

In this regard, on behalf of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the World Food Programme (WFP) and the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Food Security and Nutrition, I have the pleasure to invite you to deliver keynote remarks at the "Pathways to Zero Hunger" side event that we are proposing to hold during the 71st Session of the UN General Assembly.

This side-event will showcase the transformative actions *already* being pursued to end hunger and malnutrition, "leave no one behind", and build on synergies across the Sustainable Development Goals.

While a formal note has been sent to your Executive Office suggesting your participation in this event, given your personal commitment to ending hunger and malnutrition as an essential foundation to sustainable development, I also wished to extend this personal invitation.

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Your participation to this high-level side event will reinforce the commitment to promote resilience for sustainable agriculture, food security and nutrition for all people.

Yours sincerely,

José Graziano da Silva

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