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Date:4th June 2013

Mr. Christopher L. Delgado Program Manager **GAFSP** Coordination Unit Washington, DC

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Subject: Request for funding support for Yemen's Proposal under the GAFSP Trust Fund

Dear Mr. Delgado

On behalf of the Government of Yemen, we are pleased to submit to you Yemen's proposal for funding support under the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program Trust Fund. The proposal focuses on enhancing smallholder agricultural productivity, improving rural incomes and strengthening food security.

The proposal is aligned with overall National Agriculture Sector Strategy (NASS), the National Food Security Strategy, the National Water Sector Strategy. It addresses major challenges identified in the agriculture investment plan including, food security, through increasing productivity as well as improved program coordination, management, implementation and monitoring.

The estimated cost of the proposal is US\$50 million over five years (2014-2018). If approved and funded, the proposal would contribute significantly towards closing the funding gap that currently exists in the revised agricultural investment program of the NASS update.

We wish to thank you and the members of the GAFSP Secretariat in advance for your consideration in reviewing this proposal, and would like to assure you that your support would contribute significantly to materializing our country's vision for food security and small holders agricultural development.

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We look forward to an early acceptance of the proposal.

Yours Sincerely,

Sakhr Ahmed Al Wageeh Minister of Finance Farid Ahmed Mojawar Minister of Agriculture &

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Attachment: List of documents included in the GAFSP submission package:

- This cover letter
- Endorsement letter signed by in-country sector working group for Agriculture & Food Security.
- Letter of readiness from The World Bank as acceptance to be a supervising entity.
- GAFSP Proposal:

Part 1: Summary of the Country's Agriculture & Food Security Investments Plan, and

Part 2: Country proposal for GAFSP financing.

- Updated National Agriculture Sector Strategy.
- Public Investment Plan
- An independent and thorough Peer Review of the investment plan, undertaken by IFPRI.

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