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5th June, 2013

Ms Geeta SETHI
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Dear Ms. Sethi,

Re: Submission of the Zambia Proposal for GAFSP Funding to the Global Agriculture and Food Security Programme (GAFSP) of the World Bank

In response to the third call for proposals by the Global Agriculture and Food Security Programme in March 2013, the Government of the Republic of Zambia is pleased to submit herewith the Country's Proposal for GAFSP funding.

With the support of the African Union (AU), the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) under the aegis of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP), the Government of the Republic of Zambia finalized and launched the Zambia National Agriculture Investment Plan (2014-2018) on 30th May 2013.

The total budget for the National Agriculture Investment Plan (NAIP) is US\$2.7 billion. Of the total required budget for financing the NAIP, it is estimated that Government could mobilize only US\$1.625 billion from its

own resources giving rise to an estimated US\$1.075 billion financing gap to be met by Cooperating Partners and other sources which could provide an additional US\$575 million and reducing the gap to US\$605 million.

In order to reduce the financing gap, the Government of the Republic of Zambia has embarked on a resource mobilization effort. The GAFSP has been identified as one key potential funder to the implementation of the NAIP.

The GASFP proposal seeks to scale up and expand proven initiatives and best practices based on the Sixth National Development Plan and the National Agriculture Investment Plan to support the food security and poverty alleviation drive of the country. The preparation process of the proposal was based on thorough consultative and participatory process with stakeholders (Civil Society Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, Private Sector and Development Partners).

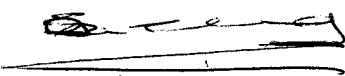
The cost of the proposal for GASFP financing is **US\$ 41,460,000.00**. These funds would reduce the current financing gap from **24 percent to about 22 percent**.

Please find attached hereto the GAFSP proposal together with relevant annexes. The Proposal is fully supported by the Chair of the Donor Working Group and the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock.

We should be most grateful if this proposal is favourably considered.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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