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Subject: Cover Letter of Project Proposal for Funding under Global Agriculture and Food Security Program

In response to the fourth Call for Proposal issued on 12 September 2016 by the Chair of the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP) Steering Committee on submitting a project proposal for funding under GAFSP based on some major components: raising agricultural productivity, linking farmers to markets, reducing risk and vulnerability, improving non-farm rural livelihoods, and through technical assistance and institutional support.

We are pleased to submit the Government of the Union of Myanmar's project proposal prepared by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation after intensive participation of consultations with multistakeholders: development partners, civil societies, policy-makers, beneficiaries/representatives from farmers' organizations, private sectors, INGOs and NGOs under the Sector Working Groups (SWGs) of Agriculture and Rural Development.

We hereby forward the proposal for consideration during the fourth Call for proposals, under the GAFSP public sector window. As per the submission guidelines, the following documents are also enclosed;

- 1. Document Checklist
- 2. Evidence of support from the in-country Sector Working Group
- 3. Letter of readiness from Supervising entities
- 4. GAFSP proposal (Parts 1 & 2)
- 5. Agriculture and Food Security Strategy
- 6. Agriculture and Food Security Investment Plan
- 7. An independent and thorough peer review report of the investment plan
- 8. Country response to the independent review observations

Project proposal vision is an inclusive, competitive, food and nutrition security and sustainable agricultural system contributing to the socio-economic well-being of farmers and rural people and further development of the national economy.

We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to you in advance for your kind consideration of our proposal and would like to reassure you that the support would significantly contribute to our country's vision for food security and small-holder agriculture growth and development.

With best wishes.

Yours Sincerely,

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