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## Office of the Resident Coordinator

Of the UN System's Operational Activities for Development in The Gambia

2019/GM/RC/073

6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Mr. Schmitz,

**Subject: Submission endorsement of The Gambia for the 5<sup>th</sup> call for proposals of the Global Agriculture & Food Security Program (GAFSP)**

In response to the Government of The Gambia's submission to the Special Call for Proposals for Fragile and Conflict Affected Countries, under the Public Sector Window, opened on 14 March 2019, we are pleased to endorse this proposal for GAFSP funding.

During the initial project preparation stage in April 2019, the Ministry of Agriculture, with the technical support and coordination from the World Food Programme (WFP), established a High-Level Country Taskforce Team (HLTT). The HLTT included participants from several governmental, CSOs and international agencies tasked to jointly develop the country's GAFSP project proposal outline and plan of action. In order to finalize the development of a high-quality project proposal, the Technical Working Group (TWG) supported the entire formulation process, with guidance from HLTT.

Both groups had membership drawn from the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education, the National Nutrition Agency (NaNA), MoA Planning Services Unit and Central Project Coordinating Unit, MoA Department of Livestock Services, the National Coordinating Organization for Farmers Association (NACOFAG), the Gambia National Women Farmers Association (NAWFA), the National Enterprise Development Initiative (NEDI), Food and Agricultural Sector Development Project (FASDEP), ActionAid, United Purpose, African Development Bank, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), WFP Country Office, and WFP Centre of Excellence in Brazil.

**Please find attached the GAFSP proposal fully endorsed by the UN Resident Coordinator Office in The Gambia.**

Please accept the assurances of our highest considerations.

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