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Excellency,

Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP)
Letter of endorsement and readiness

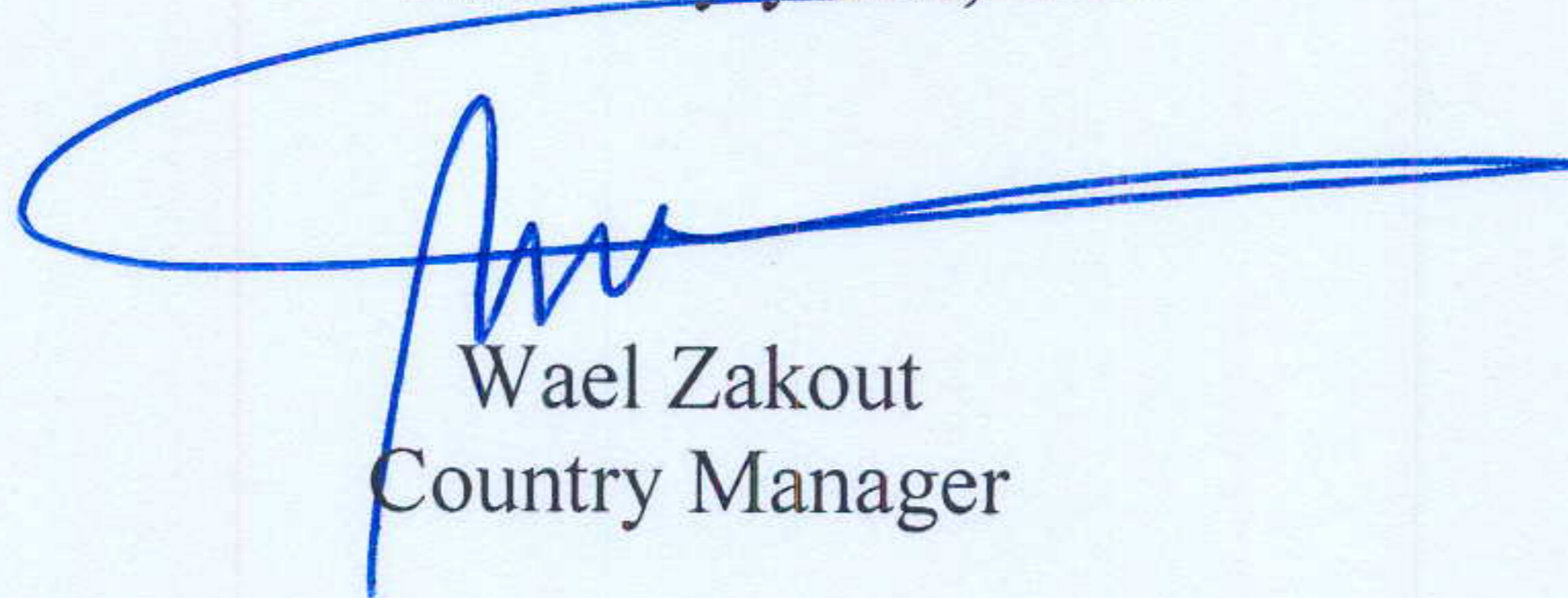
This letter is to serve the purpose of the "*Letter of readiness from the preferred Supervising Entity*" to be included in the GAFSP submission package that the Government of Yemen intends to present to the GAFSP Secretariat in response to the 2013 *Third Call for Proposal - GAFSP Public Sector Window*.

The World Bank fully endorses and supports the proposal prepared by the Government of Yemen. After a careful review and discussion of this proposal the World Bank's endorsement is provided in view of: (a) the need of the country given that Yemen is one of the ten most food insecure countries in the world and the deteriorating nutritional trends in recent years; (b) the readiness of the country that is in the midst of a major political transition but nevertheless completed a comprehensive food security strategy and more recently a national agricultural sector strategy update and a GAFSP proposal that have been broadly consulted with key stakeholders including rural poor (small famers, women and youth); and (c) the readiness of the proposal for further detailed development and implementation while taking into account inputs and feedback provided by key stakeholders.

In this regards, I am pleased to confirm the World Bank's readiness to serve as Supervising Entity for the above-mentioned proposal in the event of its acceptance for funding by the GAFSP Secretariat. As agreed, the detailed preparation of this operation would then follow our regular investment lending procedures and standard requirements for approval and implementation of stand-alone projects.

Please allow me to take advantage of this opportunity to thank your Excellency for your trust and continued collaboration.

Sincerely yours,



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