

APPENDIX B**PERMANENT REPRESENTATION
OF BRAZIL TO FAO**

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Mr. Ali Mekouar,
Secretary-General of the Conference and Council of the
United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization

Mr. Secretary General,

In accordance with the provisions of article VII-1 of the FAO Constitution and Rule XXXVII of the General Rules of the Organization, the FAO Conference, at its 37th Session in June 2011, will be required to appoint the Director-General for the period 1 January 2012 to 31 July 2015.

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil has decided to submit the candidature of Professor José Graziano da Silva, former Minister of State. I should be grateful if you officially register this candidature and inform the Member States of the Organization.

The outstanding academic, political and international career of Professor Graziano da Silva qualifies him to the important function of Director-General. Professor at the University of Campinas, he was the Dean of Graduate Studies on Economic and Environmental Program and has an important list of published works. On the field of politics and administration, he was Extraordinary Minister of State for Food Security and Hunger Eradication in charge of the Zero Hunger Program. As an international civil servant he is FAO's Assistant Director-General responsible for the Latin American and Caribbean Office.

I avail of this opportunity to renew, Mr. Secretary-General, the assurances of my consideration.


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CURRICULUM VITAE

José Graziano da Silva

José Graziano da Silva, 61 years old, received his Bachelor's Degree in Agronomy and Master's Degree in Rural Economics and Sociology from the University of São Paulo (USP) and his Ph.D. in Economic Sciences from the State University of Campinas (UNICAMP). In addition, he has two post-Doctorate degrees in Latin American Studies (University College of London) and Environmental Studies (University of California, Santa Cruz).

Dr. Graziano da Silva has had a distinguished professional career in the fields of food security, agriculture, and rural development. Of particular note is his seminal contribution as Brazil's Extraordinary Minister of Food Security and Fight Against Hunger, in charge of the implementation of the "Zero Hunger" Program ("Fome Zero").

Since 2006, he serves as FAO Regional Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean and Assistant Director-General.

Dr. Graziano da Silva has been nominated as Brazil's candidate to the office of Director-General of FAO by President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva and President-Elect Dilma Rousseff.

Fighting Hunger

Since 1977, Dr. Graziano da Silva has devoted his efforts to issues related to rural development and fighting hunger while working in the academia, at the political level and with organized labor.

In 2001, he coordinated the formulation of the "Zero Hunger" Program ("Fome Zero") and was subsequently appointed by the President of Brazil Luiz, Inácio Lula da Silva, to the position of Extraordinary Minister of Food Security and Fight Against Hunger, taking on the primary responsibility for the program implementation.

The "Zero Hunger" Program is not merely a reflection of President Lula da Silva's overriding priority, but also represents a significant innovation in regard to the formulation of public policies to fight extreme poverty. A particularly relevant aspect of the program is its holistic approach; its openness to civil society participation in policy planning and resource allocation as well as its monitoring; and the focus on gender as reflected in cash transfers to the women in the households, as a means of empowerment and ensuring more effective use of the resources.

The "Zero Hunger" Program has contributed to lift out of extreme poverty 24 million people in five years and to reduce undernourishment in Brazil by 25%.

Work at FAO

In 2006, José Graziano da Silva became FAO Regional Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean and Assistant Director-General.

In this position, Dr. Graziano da Silva has sought to strengthen family farming and rural development as a path to enhance food security. Also important has been his key role in fostering the "Hunger-Free Latin America and the Caribbean Initiative", which has made the region the first one in the world to commit itself to eradicate hunger by 2025.

Dr. Graziano da Silva has also promoted a substantive agenda connected to the rural issue, advocating for the strengthening of the sector's institutions and for public policies to ensure full and inclusive development in the countryside, with particular emphasis to the problem of rural employment. On this front, three studies prepared by FAO's Regional Office deserve to be mentioned: *Boom Agrícola y Persistencia de la Pobreza Rural* (Agricultural Boom and the Persistence of Rural Poverty), *La Institucionalidad Agropecuaria en América Latina, Estado Actual y Desafíos* (Agricultural

Institutional Framework in Latin America, Current Status and Challenges), and Políticas de Mercado de Trabajo y Pobreza Rural en América Latina (Employment Market Policies and Rural Poverty in Latin America).

In addition, Dr. Graziano da Silva has actively engaged in promoting joint initiatives with other agencies of the United Nations, including ECLAC, WFP, UNDP, and ILO, international agencies such as IICA and OIE, besides supporting South-South cooperation initiatives.

As Regional Representative, he has actively worked to implement internal reforms within FAO, with a special emphasis to the agency's decentralization process, leveraging the role of national bodies, vesting governments with a more prominent role in the definition of priorities. Equally important has been the openness towards civil society through the engagement of a multiplicity of political, social, and professional and labor entities, in FAO action.

Distinguished Academic Career

Dr. Graziano da Silva has had a long and distinguished academic career from 1978 through the present day, serving as a full professor at the State University of Campinas (UNICAMP) and Chair of the Master's and Doctoral Program in Economic Development, Space, and Environment at UNICAMP's Institute for Economics.

As a professor, Dr. Graziano da Silva has been recognized for his valuable contribution to the training and preparation of a new generation of young Latin American professionals dedicated to the issue of rural development and food security.

He is the author of important publications on rural development, food security, and agrarian economics. He has 25 published books, including *O que é a questão agrária* ("What is the Agrarian Question?") and *De boias frias a empregados rurais* ("From Bóias Frias to Rural Workers").

Personal Background

José Graziano da Silva was born in 1949. Brazilian and Italian by nationality, he is married to journalist Paola Ligasacchi and has two children and two grandchildren. He has working proficiency in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including: the Rio Branco Order, bestowed by the President of the Republic of Brazil; the Paulista Medal for Scientific and Technological Merit, conferred by the São Paulo State Government; and the Brazilian Society of Rural Economics, Administration, and Sociology Award (Prêmio SOBER).