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*The Minister*

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 1 July 2021, related to the appointment to the office of Director-General of the International Labour Office (ILO) by the Governing Body.

In this respect, I have the pleasure to inform you that the Government of the Republic of Togo has decided to put forward the candidacy of Mr. Gilbert Fossoun Hougbo to the above-mentioned position.

Currently President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Mr. Hougbo has more than 35 years of extensive professional experience, in particular in the United Nations system, with the International Labour Office, international financial institutions and the private sector. He also served our country, Togo, as Prime Minister, head of the Government, from 2008 to 2012, a period during which he distinguished himself by his professional and personal qualities, his firm commitment and passion towards policies and actions in the fight against poverty and inequalities.

Briefly, Mr. Hougbo has the required skills and experience to run efficiently the International Labour Office, of which he was the Deputy Director-General. Therefore, It is with real enthusiasm that the Government of the Republic of Togo submits his candidacy.

Please find attached, for your attention, the curriculum vitae, vision for the ILO and certificate of good health of Mr. Gilbert Fossoun Hougbo.

I am looking forward to receive acknowledgement of the present application.

Accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

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