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Dear Sir,

I am writing to you with regard to the forthcoming election of the President of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). In my capacity as the IFAD Governor for the Republic of India, I am pleased to inform you that the Government of India has nominated **Dr. Shobhana Kumar Pattanayak** for the post of President of IFAD.

2. Dr. Pattanayak has the distinction of holding a doctorate in Food Security, a lifetime of hands-on work in development (especially work related to agricultural and rural transformation) in India; and considerable experience with the Rome-based international agencies as well. He headed the Department of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India. He has contributed extensively to policy initiatives in international organizations like Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), World Food Programme (WFP) and International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) in different capacities.

3. His professional success, competencies, management and human qualities, rectitude, in-depth knowledge of international agricultural development issues, together with an exceptional capacity for work, equip him with the qualities needed to take the helm at IFAD with excellence – and to uphold a standard of governance in keeping with IFAD's mission.

4. In view of the above, I would be grateful if you could kindly take nomination of Dr. Shobhana Kumar Pattanayak into consideration and follow it up accordingly. Enclosed with this letter, please find attached his curriculum vitae and written responses to the questions shared by the IFAD.

5. Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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