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P.O. Box 40530

NAIROBI, KENYA

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I convey to you warm greetings and best wishes.

I have the honour to inform that Kenya has decided to present the candidature of **Ambassador Raychelle Awuor Omamo, SC, E.G.H** for election to the post of President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development. Ambassador Omamo is currently the Minister of Foreign Affairs in Kenya.

In her roles as a distinguished lawyer and jurist, and as a seasoned diplomat and Minister, Ambassador Omamo has served Kenya and the international community with distinction for over 30 years. In almost all her leadership roles Ambassador Omamo has registered many firsts for women of Kenya. She was the first Kenyan woman to hold the position of Minister of Defence, as well as the first woman to be elected to serve as the Chairperson of the Law Society of Kenya. In recognition of her pioneering and distinguished career, Ambassador Omamo was conferred with the prestigious rank of Senior Counsel.

In addition, Ambassador Omamo was the first Kenyan woman to be appointed Ambassador to France [with multiple accreditation] and the first Kenyan woman to serve as our Permanent Representative to UNESCO.

Presently, Ambassador Omamo oversees Kenya's engagements as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council and is also the Chairperson of the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group (CMAG) and a member of the Board of the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data. It would be highly fitting and truly transformational for Ambassador Omamo to serve as IFAD's first woman President.



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Ambassador Omamo will bring to the role of the President of IFAD, her grounded experience in strategic management, policy making, institution and partnership building, as well as her record of attentive financial stewardship over large and complex budgets in critical public agencies. Ambassador Omamo is a strong advocate for inclusive development and social justice, and she has a deep understanding of the complexity of development issues, particularly in regions of fragility and conflict where poverty and hunger within rural communities persist.

We, in this context, consider Ambassador Omamo uniquely qualified to lead IFAD at this critical time when the advancement of sustainable development goals is facing increasing challenges due to climate change, economic shocks, displacement, and conflict.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

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**UHURU KENYATTA**  
**PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**The Secretary**  
**International Fund for Agricultural Development**  
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