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The Executive Director

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Ms. Vibeke Gram Mortensen
Deputy Permanent Representative
Embassy of Denmark
Rome

Mr. Marcus A. Johnson, Jr.
Alternate Permanent Representative
Counsellor for Development Affairs, USAID
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Rome

Dear Ms. Mortensen and Mr. Johnson,

I want to thank Denmark and the United States, and you specifically, for serving as the institutional leads on the 2017–2018 Multilateral Organization Performance Assessment Network (MOPAN) assessment of the World Food Programme (WFP). The teams here benefitted greatly from the thorough, engaging collaboration with the MOPAN Secretariat and the IOD Parc consultant team.

More broadly, we believe the MOPAN approach will deliver great dividends for WFP and the people we serve. MOPAN's multi-partner assessment approach makes donor monitoring and evaluation requirements much more coherent, reducing the fragmentation and expense that can come with individual donor assessments. We also greatly appreciate the improvements made in the MOPAN methodology that make it possible to have a robust evidence base for the assessment.

WFP intends to make continuous use of the MOPAN assessment. In fact, we are doing that right away, including holding an Executive Board briefing this Friday, 5 July, to discuss the assessment. We will also use it as a complement to our Annual Performance Report and the individual Annual Country Reports.

It is worth noting that this MOPAN assessment recognizes the achievements of some significant WFP reforms. We are particularly pleased that stakeholders see that the Integrated Road Map-driven strategic work we are doing with government stakeholders and partners is improving planning at the corporate and country levels. Our Strategic Plan (2017–2021) is aligned to SDG 2 and SDG 17 and we are committed to keep building on WFP's planning, budgeting and management systems to deliver results.



We are also glad to see continued recognition of how well WFP responds to the sadly increasing number of severe and protracted humanitarian emergencies. We aim, always, to be the best of the best when it comes to humanitarian response, so we especially appreciate the recognition of the support we give through our extensive field presence and our supply chain and telecommunications strengths.

But as with any thorough evaluation, there are always areas for improvement. We are at work on many of these issues already, and as our teams can tell you, I will be expecting progress on them. As you might know, we are especially focused on reforms that lead to what I call an “exit strategy,” essentially the sustainable capacity WFP programmes should be building in order to hand them over. Under protection issues, we will emphasize gender and continue to focus on the work we are doing internally on gender parity. For the entire assessment, we have a more detailed response in the enclosed annex, along with a plan for how we will improve.

WFP is committed to taking the findings of the MOPAN assessment and using them to help us get even better, working in collaboration with our partners on behalf of the hungry and vulnerable around the world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David M. Beasley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature, the name "David M. Beasley" is printed in a simple, black, sans-serif font.

David M. Beasley