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Rome, 14 March 2025

**Subject: Internal Approval to Implement the “Scaling-Up Resilience in Africa’s Great Green Wall (SURAGGWA)” proposal (the “Funded Activity”)**

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

I am Kaveh Zahedi, acting for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (the “Accredited Entity” or the “Organization”) as Director of the Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment, and in such capacity duly authorized to issue this certificate.

For the issuance of this certificate, I have reviewed:

- i. the Basic Texts of the Organization; and
- ii. corporate standards and procedures, as set forth in the FAO Project Cycle.

I am of the opinion and confirm that, in accordance with the FAO Constitution, FAO Financial Regulations and Rules, and with all the relevant rules and policies of the Organizations based thereupon:

- (a) all required internal approvals have been obtained by the Accredited Entity to undertake the Funded Activity including pursuant to the decision adopted by the Programme and Project Review Committee (PPRC) on 31 July 2023; and
- (b) the Accredited Entity has the capacity and authority to implement the Funded Activity.

Yours sincerely,

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