Mexico-City, August 16, 2015

Dear CGIAR Consortium Board, ISPC and FUND Council members,

On behalf of the lead center CIMMYT and the CGIAR Research Program WHEAT partners, we are pleased to submit the Phase-II Pre-Proposal, outlining our vision on how AFS-WHEAT will contribute to the CGIAR Strategy and Results Framework.

We appreciate the positive comments and constructive suggestions received from the Consortium Board Science Committee on August 1, to the draft version submitted as Pre-Proposal WHEAT Phase II.

We would also like to particularly highlight and appreciate the key inputs and feedback contributions from many WHEAT partners, in particular during the Wheat stakeholder meeting held in December 2014 in Istanbul, when more than 100 WHEAT partners from developing and developed countries were consulted to define WHEAT Phase II priorities and activities.

The draft of WHEAT Phase II has been endorsed by the members of the WHEAT Independent Steering Committee and the WHEAT-MC. Attached are also support letters from the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences and the Indian Council for Agricultural Research, representing the two biggest wheat producing countries. These inputs have immensely helped in refining and formulating the WHEAT Phase-II pre-proposal. This is in itself a tremendous reflection of the great strength of the WHEAT partnerships.

The attached WHEAT Phase-II Pre-proposal document has been prepared in accordance with the Guidance document for CRP Phase-II proposals from the Consortium. The compulsory overview and FP sections are complimented by 17 Annexes, which provide detailed additional information, based on the Guidance document received from the CGIAR Consortium.

We are looking forward to the next steps in developing and implementing the new CRP portfolio.

Sincerely yours,

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