



**Food and Agriculture Organization  
of the United Nations**



**LETTER OF INTENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS**  
**AND**  
**CROPLIFE INTERNATIONAL**

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (hereinafter referred to as “FAO”), and CropLife International (hereinafter referred to as “CLI”), jointly referred to as the “Parties”,

**Considering** that FAO is a Specialized Agency of the United Nations system, established in 1945 to raise levels of nutrition and standards of living for all people in FAO Member Nations, to secure improvements in the efficiency of production and distribution of food and agricultural products and to contribute towards expanding world economy and ensure humanity’s freedom from hunger.

**Considering** that FAO’s actions are geared towards supporting countries in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and ensuring that no one is left behind.

**Considering** that CropLife International is the global federation representing the plant science industry and advancing innovation to deliver sustainable agriculture and food systems. CropLife International champions the role of plant science technologies, through science-based and evidence-led solutions, to improve food security and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

**Recognizing** that FAO and CLI have complementary and mutually supportive roles in the progressive improvement of food production in developing and developed countries, their executive heads have agreed to explore modalities to further strengthen their collaboration in order to achieve strong and efficient cooperation in this area.

**Considering** that FAO and CLI share a common interest in contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

**Considering** that FAO and CLI have expressed the interest to collaborate in several areas:

- (1) Sound management of pesticides to minimize risk of pesticides for sustainable crop production intensification and better protection of human health and the environment.



- (2) Management of transboundary plant pests and diseases to minimize yield losses for food security.
- (3) Data and information sharing regarding pest and pesticide management.

**Considering** that FAO and CLI wish to undertake technical cooperation in specific areas and countries, especially those countries in which FAO and CLI operate, if needed, and to maintain close consultations with a view to coordinating actions relating to integrated pest management.

Now, therefore, FAO and CLI:

1. Declare their intention to consider a possible collaboration between them in the common areas of interest as defined above.
2. Acknowledge that:
  - a) This Letter of Intent does not create any legal, financial or other obligations on FAO or on CLI, nor does it create any formal relationship between them, or authorize FAO or CLI to make representations on behalf of the other, or to bind the other in any manner whatsoever.
  - b) The formulation and execution of any joint activity as outlined in this Letter of Intent or in any other document exchanged between FAO and CLI will be the subject of specific written agreements, which will include the financial and legal provisions corresponding to the legal status of FAO and CLI subject to the implementation of either Party's internal clearance and authorization processes and procedures.
  - c) Nothing in this Letter of Intent or in any document or arrangement relating thereto constitutes a waiver of the privileges and immunities of FAO nor extends any of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by FAO to CLI.
  - d) Neither FAO nor CLI, including their personnel, will communicate to any other person or entity any confidential or otherwise sensitive information exchanged in the conduct of activities under this Letter of Intent. Such information will be subject to any restrictions concerning the dissemination and confidentiality that FAO or CLI may apply as the owner of the information, and FAO and CLI agree to keep such information confidential.
  - e) Neither FAO nor CLI will make any representation or warranty, express or implied, regarding the collaboration, including but not limited to any outcome thereof, any agreement or further relationship.
  - f) Neither Party will be liable for any claims for damage or losses, including for any costs, fees and expenses, arising out of, or in any way connected, to this Letter of Intent.
  - g) The name and/or logo of FAO or CLI will not be used in any form of publicity or public disclosure unless with their prior written consent.



h) All communications related to this Letter of Intent should be addressed to:

For CLI:

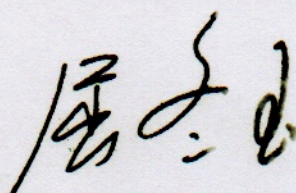
Giulia Di Tommaso  
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For FAO:

QU Dongyu  
Director-General

Signed in Rome, Italy, on 2 October 2020, in two (2) original copies in English, both texts being equally authentic.

**On behalf of the Food and Agriculture  
Organization of the United Nations (FAO)**



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QU Dongyu  
Director-General

**On behalf of CropLife International (CLI)**



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