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Dear Mr Laguna-Celis,

I have the pleasure to refer to your letter of 18 December 2019, sharing with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) a note and a questionnaire on the implementation of General Assembly Resolution 73/333 entitled "Follow-up to the report of the ad hoc open-ended working group established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/277".

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to respond to the questionnaire and for sharing the report. FAO welcomes the effort underway towards a Global Pact for the Environment, along with implementation of the 18 substantive recommendations of the follow-up report to Resolution 72/277.

Noting the Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation that FAO and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) concluded in September of last year, along with the programme of work currently being elaborated, we look forward to supporting you in these efforts as part of our collaboration under the MoU. FAO stand ready to assist, in the areas our technical competence, in the preparation of inputs to Member States in the preparation of the political declaration and the commemoration of the creation of the UNEP by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment.

Allow me to take this opportunity to thank you for our continued cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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