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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER TO HEADS OF DELEGATION

Dear Colleagues:

The CGIAR renewal is well underway. At ICW95, we will complete the process, and prepare ourselves to launch the new CGIAR. Full financing of the 1996 research agenda is an essential component of the program of reform launched in May 1994. I am writing to urge you to expedite 1996 financing actions within your agencies. The Executive Secretary has written to you separately regarding the details that are necessary to complete the financing plan. I hope you can respond as a matter of urgency so that the agreed plan can be included in the documentation for ICW95.

To keep up the substantial momentum generated at the Lucerne meeting, it is critical that we move into 1996 with timely and complete financing of the research agenda. This would ensure that our researchers can focus their energies on what they do best backed by an assurance that CGIAR members will fulfill their financial commitments. In the renewal program, predictability of financial support is one of the key commitments that we have made to the Centers.

In this respect, I am pleased to inform you that we have taken the necessary steps in the World Bank to secure the full amount of Bank support corresponding to the financial requirements of \$299 million for the 1996 research agenda that you approved at MTM95. The Bank stands ready to provide 15% of the support for this agenda as long as you and other CGIAR members come forward with your commitments. I hope you will make every effort so that the CGIAR can fully draw on the \$44.85 million that has been committed by the Bank.

In the last fifteen months, we have made substantial progress in renewing the CGIAR and stabilizing the financial situation. I look forward to the successful completion of the renewal process at ICW95 and to launching the new CGIAR on January 1, 1996.

Sincerely,