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SUPPORT FOR ELECTION OF NEW  
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FAO

Mr. Moise Mensah of Benin, Assistant-President of the Project Management Department of the International Fund for Agricultural Development visited Ottawa February 23, 1987 as part of his campaign for election as Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization at elections to be held in November 1987. Mr. Mensah is a senior career international civil servant with a global outlook, and is a proven and superior manager.

The Government of Canada, considering that it is time for a change in leadership at the FAO, has therefore decided to support Mr. Mensah's election.

In order to enhance and, where necessary, to restore public confidence in the FAO, Canada believes there is need for reform in the Organization particularly in the areas of priorities and planning, accountability for resources provided, transparency of financial and programme decisions, coordination of operational activities with other U.N. Organizations, and measures designed to ensure the effectiveness of programmes. Canada has made clear on several occasions its specific concerns over the clarity of FAO's budget accounting, the weakness of programme review and evaluation, and, as well, the lack of opportunity for review by member governments of the operations of the FAO's Technical Cooperation Programme.

Mr. Mensah is capable of effecting these changes.