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The Country Representative; UN FAO Country Office; Signal Hill – Freetown; Republic of Sierra Leone

Dear Madam Tipo;

The Civil Society on VGGT and RAI TWGs Request for a Strategic Engagement with you Regarding the Snail Paced Progress of the Land Reform Process.

We start by congratulating your team for the great support to the people of Sierra Leone, Government and the civil society in various areas including agriculture, food security campaign, land governance, gender and the overall human rights promotion.

We also acknowledge your support to the VGGT and RAI implementation process, particularly in support of the activities of various stakeholders including the TWGs and the legislative reform processes, etcetera.

Whereas everyone agrees that significant progress has been made in those areas, it is also noteworthy to state that some key challenges have emerged over the previous months with respect to the model bills which we think require some strategic engagement and actions to deal with.

It is with regards to the above that we write to request meeting with you and gently request the presence of your team responsible for rolling out the VGGT and RAI in Sierra Leone, should this be permitted.

We propose that we meet on **Tuesday**, **22**nd **June**, **2021**, **at 10:00am**, preferably, at your office premises. We are however flexible to adjust our schedules to meet an equilibrium on time.

While we await to hear for you soon, you can reach out to any of us through the numbers provided under our respective organizational logos above.

Our kind regards!

Signed

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