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Mr. Carlos Perez del Castillo  
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Dear Carlos:

IFPRI and its partners in the development of CRP2 “Policies, Institutions, and Markets to Strengthen Food Security and Incomes for the Rural Poor” are pleased to provide the Consortium Board with a revised proposal that directly addresses the comments by the Fund Council, ISPC, and GFAR. To facilitate the review of this revised version, we have also provided a summary of how the proposal team has responded to specific comments as well as how it has taken account of the “Guidelines for the development of a gender strategy in each CRP”. We have addressed key concerns by:

- Presenting clearly the development challenges and opportunities motivating CRP2 and how CRP2’s research will address these development challenges and contribute to CGIAR system-level outcomes (Sections 1 and 2 have been significantly rewritten);
- Articulating better the process for setting priorities (Section 3); each sub-theme also elaborates further on this topic (Section 4);
- Providing more explicitly an assessment of the CGIAR comparative advantage for undertaking CRP2 (Sections 1 and 7);
- Consolidating the research program into fewer sub-themes and activities by clarifying their focus and integrating activities more effectively into fewer sub-themes (Section 4);
- Elaborating the linkages between outputs, outcomes, and impacts for each sub-theme;
- Describing in more detail the roles of IFPRI, other CGIAR centers, and non-CGIAR partners and the synergies between them in Section 4 and Section 7 (and Annex 4, which lists more than 500 current partners of CRP2, has been added);
- Reiterating the independent role of the Science and Policy Advisory Panel.

On behalf of the CRP proposal team, we thank the Fund Council, ISPC, and GFAR for their constructive comments which we feel have led to an even stronger, more focused, and integrated program. We look forward to the approval of this revised CRP2 proposal and its subsequent submission to the Fund Council for consideration at its July meeting in Washington. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information to facilitate this process.

Sincerely,

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Director General