Information supports Viet Nam on nomination of re-elected as a member of the Governing Council of CSAM

To: Mr. Lorenzo Santucci Date: 28 February 2025

Secretary of the Commission

Subject: Viet Nam's nomination for Re-election as a Member of the Governing Council of CSAM

Dear Mr. Lorenzo Santucci,

Viet Nam has been an official and permanent member of the Asia-Pacific Center for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery (APCAEM), the predecessor of the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (CSAM) under UNESCAP, since 2003. From the outset, Viet Nam has actively participated in APCAEM's activities, contributing to key action programs for agricultural sector development and sustainable agricultural mechanization in member countries. Additionally, Viet Nam has supported the Centre in achieving several United Nations Millennium Goals, including: 1) Eradicate poverty; 3) Strengthening gender equality and women's rights; 7) Ensure environmental sustainability; and 8) Strengthening global cooperation for development.

With the transformation of APCAEM into CSAM in response to evolving agricultural development needs in the region, Viet Nam has remained an engaged and dedicated member, including serving on the Governing Council. Viet Nam fully supports CSAM's policies and strategies, which align with the agendas of the United Nations and ESCAP. The strategies emphasize the importance of addressing the priorities of member states, particularly in the area of sustainable agricultural mechanization, and Viet Nam actively contributes to their implementation.

Viet Nam served as Chair of the CSAM Governing Council from 2019 to 2022 (with a one-year extension). At the period of COVID-19, as a dedicated and chair

of the CSAM Governing Council, Viet Nam has played a crucial role in overcoming the challenges posed by the pandemic. With the strong support of the CSAM office, the Chair of the Governing Council has successfully fulfilled its responsibilities during this difficult period.

Furthermore, Viet Nam is an active member of two key CSAM-affiliated organizations: the Asian and Pacific Network for Testing of Agricultural Machinery (ANTAM) and the Regional Council of Agricultural Machinery Associations (ReCAMA). Viet Nam currently holds the position of Chair of ReCAMA in 2025.

Given Viet Nam's consistent contributions, leadership, and active engagement in CSAM's initiatives, we hereby express our strong desire to continue serving as a member of the CSAM Governing Council and seek re-election for the upcoming term.

Sincerely yours,

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