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Dear Ms Prouvez,

I refer to your communication of 16 January 2015 inviting the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to contribute relevant information related to Human Rights Council resolution 27/24 on "Equal participation in political and public affairs".

The right to participation is widely recognized in a range of FAO instruments, such as the Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security, the Voluntary Guidelines on Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security and the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication. It is also applied in FAO's country support interventions.

The Organization is pleased to provide its contribution on this subject as contained in the note attached hereto. The note contains information on FAO instruments and practical experiences on the ground.

Yours sincerely,

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