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## Reference: Message of Condolences from Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, USA

Dear Dr. Soumya Swaminathan,



On behalf of Michigan State University, USA, please accept our heartfelt condolences on the sad news of Professor M.S. Swaminathan. He was a great leader and his lifelong services and exemplary contributions in making India food secure are greatly appreciated by all of us at Michigan State University. May his soul rest in peace. Our sympathies and prayers are with you and your entire family in this difficult time.

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I personally met Professor Swaminathan on several occasions at the World Food Prize Symposium in Des Moines, Iowa, USA, and also in Mexico during my three years tenure at CIMMYT as a research scientist. His passion, wisdom, deep commitment, and dynamic leadership in advocating for the welfare of smallholder farmers was transformational. Professor Swaminathan opened the doors of global collaborations and partnerships. Through the MoU agreement with the Swaminathan Research Foundation, Michigan State University faculty members actively collaborated with your programs.

We look forward to continuing the legacy of Prof. Swaminathan of serving the nation and the world. Professor Swaminathan will be sorely missed by all of us.

Yours Sincerely,

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