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Dear Dr. Soumya Swaminathan,

As the Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences (ALES) at the University of Alberta, I offer our deepest condolences on the passing of Professor M. S. Swaminathan.

The Faculty of ALES reminisces with profound gratitude the opportunity we had to collaborate with Professor Swaminathan and your Foundation on a Canadian International Food Security Research Fund. This project to alleviate poverty and malnutrition in agrobiodiversity hotspots of India would not have been possible without Professor Swaminathan's vision and guidance. The Faculty of ALES is also grateful for his generosity in hosting and interacting with our researchers and students who were fortunate to work on this project. Their lives and careers were truly changed as a result of these interactions with him.

The University of Alberta community cherished the opportunity to recognize the many contributions of Professor Swaminathan with an Honorary Doctorate degree upon nomination by the Faculty of ALES. The Faculty of ALES and the University of Alberta is also very grateful for the opportunity to hear from him as he delivered the convocation address, the Bentley Lecture, and the Lester Pearson Memorial Lecture in 2010.

We have lost an exceptional scientist and mentor, a visionary that had the ability to influence change in both India as well as the rest of the world but, above all, an exceptional human being

Our deepest condolences to you as well as your family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Blade".

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