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Dear Sir,

I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, a towering figure in the field of agriculture and a true champion of sustainable farming practices. Please accept my heartfelt condolences on this profound loss, on behalf of myself and the whole of the Global Crop Diversity Trust.

Dr. Swaminathan's contributions to agriculture, food security, and sustainable development are immeasurable. His groundbreaking work in the Green Revolution not only transformed India's agricultural landscape but also had a global impact, helping to alleviate hunger and poverty for countless people. His dedication to improving the lives of small-scale farmers and ensuring food security for all was nothing short of remarkable.

Throughout his illustrious career, Dr. Swaminathan remained a tireless advocate for sustainable and environmentally friendly agricultural practices. His commitment to promoting biodiversity, conserving genetic resources, and addressing the challenges posed by climate change has left an indelible mark on the global agricultural community. His wisdom and visionary leadership will be greatly missed.

As we mourn the loss of this exceptional individual, we also celebrate the enduring legacy he leaves behind. Dr. Swaminathan's pioneering spirit, boundless enthusiasm, and unwavering dedication to the betterment of humanity serve as an inspiration to us all. His work will continue to guide and inspire future generations of scientists, policymakers, and advocates for sustainable agriculture.

We at the Crop Trust will always be grateful for Dr. Swaminathan's tireless advocacy for socially, economically, and ecologically sustainable agriculture, the plant biodiversity that underpins it, and the genebanks that preserve the diversity of the world's crops.

During this difficult time, please know that my thoughts are with you and Dr. Swaminathan's family. May you find solace in the knowledge that his contributions have made the world a better place, and his memory will live on in the hearts and minds of those who were fortunate enough to know him or be touched by his work.



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If there is anything I can do to offer support or assistance during this challenging period, please do not hesitate to reach out. Dr. Swaminathan's legacy will continue to shine brightly, reminding us all of the profound impact that one dedicated individual can have on the world.

With deepest sympathy,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stefan", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Stefan Schmitz**  
Executive Director