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On behalf of the members and staff of the World Cocoa Farmers Organization (WCFO), I Hon. Abraham Adusei, Interim Global President of the world largest umbrella organization representing cocoa farmers and farm workers worldwide will like to inform partners in the cocoa supply chain and the governments of producing and consuming countries; that after a relentless effort invested to unite, we were able to finally unite our voices as cocoa farmers and farm workers under one umbrella organization with the name World Cocoa Farmers Organization (WCFO).

This milestone reached is the beginning of greater heights in the cocoa industry as it will pave the way for farmers to provide their support and contribution which will help drive the cocoa industry towards the direction of inclusion, transparency and sustainability. I am privileged and happy to be part of this moment of history in the cocoa supply chain. I am therefore grateful to all those who contributed to the success of this unification.

I extend our appreciation also to all of you who could not make it to the meeting due to financial and other personal reasons and urge you to continue your efforts in your community to ensure the betterment of your profession as cocoa farmer and farm workers, improve living standard and secure the flow of sustainable cocoa to meet demand. We at the World Cocoa Farmers Organization (WCFO) believe all stakeholders in the supply chain share a common goal which is to sustain the cocoa industry and improve living standards of the farmers especially the smallholder farmers who are the pillars of this great industry.

Thus, we the farmers see great opportunity to collaborate and put our resources together in order to overcome common challenges such as poverty among farmers, child and forced labour, gender inequality, climate change so as a team we can ensure the production of a transparent, traceable and a sustainable cocoa industry. Finally, in order to make sure that we are able to successfully implement the necessary steps and programme in an effective manner, we at the World Cocoa Farmers Organization have established FarmGate Foundation (FGF) to undertake activities which will help us reach our ambition in building a great, strong and a successful farming and chocolate industry across the globe.

Signature

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