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His Excellency Cde. E.D. Mnangagwa  
The President of the Republic of Zimbabwe

Your Excellency,

**RE: LETTER OF APPRECIATION: SACAU'S 2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

On behalf of the Board and members of the Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU), and indeed on my own behalf, I wish to extend my profound and sincere gratitude to you, your Excellency for gracing the 2018 Annual Conference that was held in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe from 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2018.

We are deeply appreciative of your insightful opening speech, which enriched the dialogue that followed and the overall outcomes of the Conference. You may wish to know Your Excellency that you made history by being the first Head of State to stay over after the official opening. We were deeply humbled and honoured by this act, which showed your commitment to transform agriculture in the region.

After successful deliberations, the Conference came up with a number of important messages, which were also adopted by the Annual General Meeting and now reflect the collective views of farmers in the region. You will note, Your Excellency, that some of these messages indicate the conditions for a trade-driven agricultural transformation. In addition, they resonate with already existing regional and continental frameworks such as the revised SADC Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP) and the Comprehensive Africa Agricultural Development Programme (CAADP).

With your permission, Your Excellency, we wish to humbly request your office to champion the dissemination of these messages to the relevant structures in the region, continent, and indeed beyond.

Thank you once again, Your Excellency, and kindly accept the assurance of SACAU's highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

**Dr Sinare Y. Sinare**  
**SACAU President**