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Dear Professor Oniang'o,

Chris Dowswell has conveyed to me the good news that you have accepted to serve as a Member of the SAA Board of Directors. We are deeply grateful and honored. Your knowledge of food, agriculture and nutrition, Africa and the important role that women play in these systems will add considerable technical depth to the SAA Board. In addition, the fact that you have been a Member of Parliament in Kenya and have served on a number of international Boards will also be invaluable to the policy and governance responsibilities that the SAA Board must address.

Our next SAA Board meeting is in Addis Ababa, November 4-5, with a field trip to see project activities, primarily in agroprocessing and education, immediately before (November 2-3). If you can come to for the field trip, you should arrive on November 1, and you would be free to leave on November 6th

The SAA Board Secretary is Dr. Jean Freymond, of Geneva, Switzerland. He will be contacting you about more details for this meeting, plus an information packet for the Board meeting. In addition, Chris and Aki

Miyamoto, SAA Executive Directors for Programs and Management, respectively, will also send an information packet on SAA activities, even though you have long been familiar, indeed associated, with our organization.

As Chris has told you, due to poor health, I stepped down as SAA Chairman & President at the end of last year. Dr. Masa Iwanaga, in his capacity as SAA Vice-Chairman, is presently presiding over the Board.

It is unlikely that I will be able to travel to Addis in November. If, however, you find yourself near Dallas, Texas, I would certainly enjoy a visit from you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Norman E. Borlaug". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Norman E. Borlaug  
President Emeritus

c.c. Masa Iwanaga  
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