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The Honorable Condoleezza Rice  
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Dear Secretary Rice:

I am writing to express my deep concern about the United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organization's (FAO) decision to invite the president of Zimbabwe Robert Mugabe to attend the global food crisis conference in Rome this week.

The FAO's decision to invite Mugabe, a violent dictator who is personally responsible for the suffering of millions of innocent people in Zimbabwe, to a conference on the global food crisis is shocking and should be condemned. A 2007 independent evaluation of the FAO's performance titled, "FAO: The Challenge of Renewal," revealed that FAO is "experiencing a crisis which has been steadily building for two decades and now seriously imperils the effectiveness of the organization." The decision by FAO Director General Jacques Diouf to include Mugabe in this conference illustrates the independent evaluation's finding that this organization has lost its way.

I respectfully request that you withhold any future U.S. contributions to the Food and Agriculture Organization and call for the dismissal of FAO Director General Jacques Diouf.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Wolf  
Member of Congress

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