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Dear Goran Stavrikj,

With experience across FAO and other UN entities, and a strong focus on programme coordination, project cycle support (PMP certified), resource mobilization (RM) and stakeholder engagement, I am highly motivated to contribute to the Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia as Programme Officer for South South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC).

I currently work at the FAO Liaison Office to the European Union and Belgium, where I support programme coordination, partnerships and outreach across FAO HQ, decentralized offices and with external stakeholders. My work involves research and analysis of EU policy and programming, preparation of background notes and analytical inputs, and contributions to internal reporting and knowledge products. I coordinate with technical divisions, regional and country offices to ensure alignment between FAO's strategic priorities, partner engagement and ongoing programme activities.

A key achievement has been my contribution to the mobilization of over USD 3M in EU financing (2025). Concretely on RM, I support the organization, participation and follow-up of meetings, missions and events with potential donors. I also contribute to project proposal development and review, donor intelligence analysis and mapping exercises. Through this work, I have developed a solid understanding of FAO's country-level programming, including by analysing Country Programming Frameworks (CPFs) to ensure that briefing materials, project-related inputs and coordination efforts are aligned with national priorities.

Previously, through roles in project management, I gained experience supporting projects from design through closing, including as project manager at an agile, dynamic, fast-paced startup. Wherein I managed a budget of EUR 200K, as well as a team of interns and early employees. Through my role as project associate of a grassroots farmer's organization in a post-conflict context (Western Sahara), I supported programme operations, monitoring, evaluation, reporting, data collection, analysis, and capacity development activities tailored to local needs. In both, I worked closely with diverse stakeholders, facilitated information flows, and contributed to knowledge management and reporting processes in line with organizational requirements.

Earlier experiences within the UN further strengthened my understanding of intergovernmental processes, coordination mechanisms (such as the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework) including on UN approaches to SSTC. Across roles, I have developed skills in analytical writing, stakeholder engagement, coordination, and the ability to distil complex technical content into clear and actionable outputs for different audiences.

I am particularly motivated by the prospect of participating in field missions and would welcome the opportunity to contribute to country-level programming, regional dialogue and capacity development across Europe, Central Asia, and beyond.

Thank you very much for considering my application.

Yours Sincerely,
Jaber Kazhaz