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**Tamil Nadu Agricultural University**  
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**Dr. K. Ramasamy**  
Vice Chancellor

**TAMIL NADU AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY**  
**DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF SCIENCE**  
**(*Honoris Causa*)**

**Conferred on Dr. Pedro Medrano Rojas**

**CITATION**

His Excellency the Governor and Chancellor,

I deem it a great honour to present Dr. Pedro Medrano Rojas, former UN Assistant Secretary-General and former Director, World Food Program, for the award of the Doctor of Science (*Honoris Causa*).

Born in Chile, Dr. Medrano has spent more than three decades of his professional life to help eliminating world hunger and poverty. With degrees in Law and Social Sciences from the University of Chile, and Post Graduate studies from the University of Bonn (PhDc) in the Federal Republic of Germany and at the Catholic University of Louvain La Neuve (MA) in Belgium, Dr. Medrano proudly owns an impressive and enviable line of work.

The accolades achieved by Dr. Medrano are from his rich experience from the most prestigious and stateliest offices across the globe. He has been the advisor to the Chilean Secretary of Agriculture, an Assistant Professor

of Economic Policy at the University of Chile and as an Executive Secretary of the International Jacques Maritain Institute.

Associated with the United Nations since 1983, at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Rome, Dr. Medrano was responsible for the technical supervision of projects on rural development and land tenure and humanitarian assistance to countries in Africa and Latin America. He has been the Program Officer of the UN's World Food Program (WFP) at El Salvador. As an Acting Country Director of WFP during the civil war in 1989, Dr. Medrano was duly honoured with a diploma and medal of recognition by the Human Rights Commission of El Salvador for being instrumental in the signing of Chapultepec Peace Accords that ended the war.

Dr. Medrano has been the Chilean Ambassador to El Salvador, Belize and Italy. As the Chairman of the Committee on World Food Security, he has organized the historic World Food Summit in Rome in 1996. He has been representing the WFP at the UN on issues including the fulfilment of the Millennium Development Goals, peace keeping operations, humanitarian and food crises, climate change, gender equality and empowerment of women. Dr. Medrano has been the Senior Coordinator for the UN Secretary-General for the Response to Cholera in Haiti.

The Tamil Nadu Agricultural University takes great pride in placing on record the excellent and incomparable professional expertise of Dr. Medrano and considers it a privilege to honour him, in recognition of his mission to reach out to the deprived lot.

On the recommendation of the Academic Council, Board of Management of this University and with the approval of the Chancellor, I consider it as a unique privilege to recommend Dr. Pedro Medrano Rojas for the award of the Doctor of Science (*Honoris Causa*), to which, I pray he may be admitted.



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