

Written inputs from the Farmers' Major Group to the Zero draft SDG Summit Political Declaration

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The Farmers' Major Group (FMG) acknowledges the efforts made so far by the co-facilitators of the consultations on the political declaration of the 2023 SDG Summit and express its gratitude for the opportunity provided to all major groups and other stakeholders to provide feedback on the draft political declaration.

The FMG would like to propose the following edits, as highlighted in yellow:

[Our Shared Resolve]

Para 4: The **clear, stipulated goals** of the agenda 2030 are in peril.

We think that emphasis in wording is necessary to shed light on the relevant nature of the Agenda 2030 which is not mandatory/binding but the goals are clear and this should require more coordinated and cross-sectoral efforts from Governments to reach them.

Para 5: "We **commit to** promote a systemic shift towards a more inclusive, **resilient**, peaceful and sustainable world for people and planet, for present and future generations.

For the sake of consistency with the first part of the paragraph and to strengthen the message, we suggest using the word "commit". Also, we suggest including the word "resilient" as resilience is key to achieve sustainable development and SDGs.

Para 11: "We also remain resolved to create conditions for sustainable, inclusive, sustained, **climate-friendly and resource-conserving** economic growth..."

We think that economic growth cannot longer be considered as separate and not considering climate protection and sustainable management/protection of natural resources.

Para 13: "We resolve to realize our vision of a world with access to inclusive and equitable quality education(...) quality health care, **sustainable and resilient agrifood systems**, food security, and improved nutrition."

Sustainable agriculture systems are critical to increase food production thus contributing to food security, while at the same time diminishing the environmental impacts of unsustainable practices and management of natural resources, providing better livelihoods for farmers. To achieve zero hunger, it is pre-eminent to ensure the transformation of the world's agrifood systems to more resilient, sustainable, and inclusive.

Para 18: "Including civil society, the private sector, academia, **farmers, women, indigenous communities** and youth, recognizing the important contribution they can make toward achieving the 2030 Agenda".

The agricultural sector is a key one for the economy of most of the countries in the world, holding potential to be a key contributor to eradicating poverty, hunger, malnutrition, as well as creating jobs and increasing people's livelihoods. Indigenous communities also bear a great potential for contributing to a sustainable agricultural sector based on their cultural accesses, traditional knowledge and practices. Also, women need to be mentioned as empowering youth and women, is a cross-cutting issue to fully achieve the 2030 Agenda.

[Our Changed World]

Para 21: "We will promote sustainable agriculture and resilient food systems along short value chains for allowing sustainable food production and increasing farmers' livelihoods, and for unleashing the peace-building potential being enshrined in agriculture and community-based family"

This is a suggestion to include a reference to the peace building/pacifying aspect of family farming, as agriculture is a sector that can enhance community development, also contributing to create jobs, social stability and welfare.

Para 29: We would add a reference to the "UNDF 2019-2028".

The UNDF has been launched to highlight and recognize the important contribution made by family farmers in ensuring food and nutrition security, improving livelihoods, sustainably managing natural resources, protect the environment and achieve the SDGs.

[Call to Action]

Para 35: "Those whose needs are reflected in the 2030 Agenda include all children, youth, persons with disabilities, people living with HIV/AIDS, older persons, indigenous peoples, refugees, internally displaced persons, migrants, family farmers and food producers".

In SDG2 explicit reference is made to family farmers, food producers and agriculture as a key sector to put efforts on to achieve zero hunger, among other things, thus contributing to the achievement of the entire 2030 Agenda.

Para 36: "We will take integrated action at all levels to accelerate the transition to sustainable agriculture and climate resilient, biodiversity-supporting food systems and promote healthy nutrition, balanced diets and consumption practices, and to recover momentum and accelerate efforts to end hunger and all forms of malnutrition. We will address water scarcity and stress and drive transformation from a global water crisis to a water-secure world, ensuring the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all."