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Mr. Chairman,

First I would like to commend Mr Forster on an excellent message and we support it and recommend that all delegates take note of his points.

Mr Chairman, the Scientific and Technological Community, especially the world's engineers, are encouraged by this initiative and congratulate CSD for moving forward to an implementation agenda. We are ready and able to meet the technical challenges utilizing both new and existing technologies.

Your recognition that success depends upon contribution by all actors and that collaboration and partnerships will be keystones of implementation is important.

The CSD process has provided us the opportunity to dialogue with governments, and as well with our colleagues in the other major groups. Mr Chairman, CSD-17 triggered an initiative called Farming First where 3 of the major groups (farmers, Business and Industry, and the scientific and Technological Community) came together with a joint vision and a common voice on sustainability and the CSD-17 themes. We feel that this is important for implementation efforts to succeed, and is an example that recognizes that we must work together. Mr Forster expanded on this point very well in his presentation.

Since 2009, Farming First has grown and has been actively working on implementation of CSD-17, as well as meeting with other bodies with similar or related interests such as the G-8, UNFCCC, EU Parliament, and the UN Leadership forum. We see that sustainability is important to all, but the overlap creates confusion. It is a complex matter requiring dialogue, resolution and clarification.

We note for your information that the scientific and engineering knowledge is available to significantly improve the physical infrastructure systems to address sustainability. Reducing food loss and increasing productivity are examples.

We also note that recognizing the inter-dependence between the physical, the social and the economic infrastructures is an important consideration for the development of sustainable action plans for implementation.

Thank you Mr Chairman.