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## **Comments on the Chairperson's Draft Negotiating Document**

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- 1) Millennium Development Goal #1 includes both poverty and hunger. The existing text omits hunger in two key places:
  - a. Preamble paragraph #3 add “hunger”
  - b. Interlinkages clause 80 add “hunger”
  
- 2) Since the outset of this CSD cycle, farmers have advocated for the inclusion of food waste in the text on waste and SCP. In particular, we believe the discussions of the working group and at the Panama meeting are not properly reflected in the current SCP text. Many of the gains of sustainable consumption and production will come most quickly from the adjustments in food processing to reduce energy use, water, and packaging. Consumer waste of food also needs inclusion. Existing text does not reflect the breadth of the system. As a result, we believe reference to “food systems” is preferable. We are pleased to see extension programs included in 76(r).
  - a. SCP clause 59 change agriculture to “sustainable food systems”
  - b. SCP clause 76 (a) change existing text to “sustainable food systems”
  
- 3) A corridors approach that links rural roads to ports and rail connections is important to make rural infrastructure fully serviceable.
  - a. Transport clause 9 (b) add “linking roads to ports and rail” after *investing in rural roads*
  
- 4) The accumulation of obsolete stocks of pesticides is frequently driven by UN agency programs to protect against pests, often locusts. Farmers benefit from these emergency measures and appreciate them. However, we do believe the UN agencies need to follow measures to procure, store, and remove those products when the pest crisis has passed. The existing text does not really cover this large source of obsolete stocks.
  - a. Chemicals clause 21 (f) add “including by UN agencies” after *large stocks of chemicals*.
  
- 5) In the Preamble clause, “Welcoming increasing efforts to improve the quality of official development assistance”, Farmers encourage the inclusion of the L’Aquila commitments. Such a reference is included in the LDC’s draft negotiating text.
  - a. Preamble paragraph #10 add “L’Aquila commitments on agriculture and food security”
  
- 6) Farmers are pleased to see the inclusion of agricultural waste streams and are keen to make progress in this area. In light of the text in clause 36, it is likely duplicative to include “agricultural biomass” in clause 35 (a).
  - a. Waste clause 35 (a) – omit “agricultural biomass”