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Response - New Urban Agenda Draft

Excellences,

The Farmers constituency welcomes the latest draft. We see that references to food and nutrition are retained in each major section of the New Urban Agenda. Also the linkages between urban and territorial (including peri-urban and rural) planning, governance, finance and implementation are well covered and we hope will be retained in the final draft that goes to Quito for approval by member states. The role of farmers and fishers is also recognized as one of the critical constituencies related to sustainable and resilient city region food systems.

We do have a few minor but important changes to recommend in three paragraphs that are a priority for the GAP farmers constituency (and have the support of x y z GAP constituencies).

1. In paragraph 10(h) restore the words “food systems”. Food systems were in this paragraph in the last draft (18 June). Food systems include primary producers, especially smallholder family farmers, who are critical actors in food value chains and are the foundation of food systems that include by definition urban and rural production, processing, distribution, marketing (formal and informal, consumption and food waste management.

2. In Paragraph 16 Insert “smallholder family” before farmers and fishers. Smallholder family farmers across the urban rural continuum constitute the majority of the 500 million farmers in the world and it will be smallholder family farmers that continue to provide the majority of food for human settlements in the future.

3. In Paragraph 84 remove “regional and global” before value chains. UN Habitat, FAO and IFAD, along with a majority of farmers organizations and supporting civil society organizations have called for a refocusing on sustainable value chains for all, which requires a balanced approach to local, territorial and domestic as well as regional and global value chains.