



To Whom It May Concern

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La Via Campesina, the international peasant movement gathering more than 150 organisations in 70 countries of the world has been defending for the human rights of peasants since early 2000s, and work within the UN human rights institutions and mechanisms. We aim at protecting and promoting not only the civil and political rights of peasants, but also in particular the economic, social and cultural rights.

In this process, we have been working closely with Centre Europe Tiers Monde (CETIM), including for some major international events such as the Conference on Agrarian Reform and Peasants' Rights, Indonesia (2001), various meetings with experts in Geneva (joint effort with other human rights organisations in 2004, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010), The International Conference on Peasants' Rights, Indonesia (2008), and numerous events within the UN Advisory Committee and UN Human Rights Council sessions (2008 to present). During these events, CETIM has proven to show real commitment and contributions to the protection and promotion of human rights, especially the rights of peasants.

CETIM is committed to bring about global changes by challenging current Western modes of development in order to find breakthrough for the people, especially in the third world. Our experiences with CETIM is that it works in a highly professional way, really supports people and social movements in the third world and is an autonomous organisation, not affiliated to any political interest. Therefore, we are hoping that this organisation will continue to play an important role within the United Nations (UN), where CETIM plays a key role in protecting and promoting human rights. We are glad to support CETIM in this purpose.

Yours faithfully,

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