

To whom it may concern

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Since its foundation which took place 40 years ago, the Centre Europe Tiers Monde (CETIM) does a remarkable work of promoting human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights and the right to development. Its numerous publications on fundamental rights, translated in French, English and Spanish, have become references for hundreds of associations among the five continents.

The CETIM does also a core work within the United Nations. Through its large number of activities within the Human Rights Council – its oral statements, the side events it has organized, its dialogue with the experts – the CETIM brings a crucial contribution to the protection of fundamental rights of persons and vulnerable groups, including peasants' families and indigenous people.

During the term of my mandate as a United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to food, from 2000 to 2008, as well as during my term as a member of the Advisory Committee of the UN Human Rights Council since 2008, I have witnessed the quality and rigor of the work carried out by the CETIM, for which the main purpose is to protect the dignity of the human being.

The CETIM is a professional, righteous and honest organization, which plays a key role in protecting fundamental rights. By means of this letter, I am happy to give the CETIM my support.

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