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Mister President,

My name is Morgan Ody, I am a peasant and General Coordinator of La Via Campesina, the largest world's peasant movement, active in more than 80 countries and counting more than 200 millions affiliates. I speak here on behalf of CETIM and FIAN International.

As representative of the peasant world, the adoption of UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas (UNDROP) in 2018 by the Human Rights Council (HRC) and the UN General Assembly represented a historical momentum for our communities, but also for humanity as a whole. This new instrument could play a key role in addressing inequalities and discrimination that affect the rural areas and that make rural communities such a highly vulnerable population.

Since the adoption of this instrument, efforts were done to implement the UNDROP at all levels, as well as to include the Declaration in the agenda of work of existing special procedures and other UN bodies. In this context, we are seeking to see the creation of a new special procedure to monitor the implementation of this instrument. This would be essential for our collective efforts of mainstreaming the UNDROP at the international level and to support its concrete implementation on the ground.

In these times of multidimensional crisis, the UNDROP shall be part of our common agendas, as a “common road map” towards more equitable and sustainable societies. Peasants, states, and UN bodies should cooperate in addressing the issues related to this crucial matter.

I thank you for your attention.

Geneva, 22nd of March 2022