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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### Human Rights Council

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*Item 3: Interactive Dialogue with Special Rapporteur on Right to Food*

### Déclaration orale *Vérifier à l'audition*

Madame Vice-President,

Faced with a dysfunctional international financial system that hinders the ability of governments to guarantee the right to food, a transition towards sustainable agro-ecological practices, applying the principles of food sovereignty, is highly needed.

In this sense, we urge this Council and its mechanisms to build on the UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in the Rural Areas (UNDROP) and to integrate it as a compass in all initiatives aimed at this much-needed transition in our food systems.

In the light of the recommendations of the report focused on social and solidarity-based economy eliminating the structural obstacles to the realisation of the right to food, we recommend that the Special Rapporteur delves into the initiatives promoted by peasants organisations in Switzerland and France, proposing the creation of food social insurance mechanisms. Despite an overabundance of food on the markets, a growing proportion of the world's population is suffering from malnutrition; thus, this initiative seeks to give all citizens access to healthy and local food, regardless of financial means.

The proposal is based on the principle of universality: all citizens would benefit from the food social security services according to their needs. It is also based on participatory democracy: the choice of the products and practices will be managed collectively and democratically, enabling people and communities to take local control of food systems.

Thank you for your attention.

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