

Item 3: Interactive dialogue the Special Rapporteur on Climate Change - the 50th session of the UN Human Rights Council

Joint-statement: **FIAN International and Centre Europe – Tiers Monde (CETIM)**

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Mr. President, Special Rapporteur:

FIAN International, the organization working globally for the Right to adequate food and nutrition, CETIM and La Via Campesina, the peasants movement that comprises 180 organizations in 80 countries, welcome your nomination as special rapporteur and wish you success in the implementation of your mandate.

We want to highlight the critical role that peasants and other people working in rural areas as fishers, pastoralists, agricultural workers, Indigenous Peoples and others play in feeding the world in ways that are less harming for our climate than those of the agro-industrial food system. Although small-scale food producers provide more than the 70% of the food our world consumes, these people are suffering disproportionately the impact of climate change.

The UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and other People Working in Rural Areas (UNDROP) in its article 18.3 establishes that “States shall comply with their respective international obligations to combat climate change. Peasants and other people working in rural areas have the right to contribute to the design and implementation of national and local climate change adaptation and mitigation policies, including through the use of practices and traditional knowledge.”

We therefore welcome your intention to include peasants and other small-scale food producers in the exercise of your mandate and invite you to do so by promoting the respect, protection and fulfilment of their rights concerning climate change, involving them in the consultations for the preparation of your reports and in your national visits. We also urge you to apply and mainstream the UNDROP in your work.

Thank you very much.