

## **Rio 2012 Prep Com**

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### **Statement by Farmers Major Group On Outcomes**

Mr. Chairman,

The outcome document should define a green economy that closes the gaps in implementing Agenda 21 and CSD-17. Critical in this is agriculture. Farmers need agriculture to become sustainable and ensure that they produce enough food to feed all and leave none malnourished.

To this end, farmers would like the outcome document to emphasize ways in which science and technology would be harnessed to make agriculture more knowledge-based and harmonize with the abundant traditional knowledge that is already available.

On this International Women's Day, I would also plead on behalf of women farmers for their secure tenure with appropriate land reform and lastly place rural development and poverty alleviation on top of the list.