

**FINAL STATEMENT MADE BY IFAP - FARMERS** – Closing Session May 12 2006 Conf. Room 4 from 4:30 – 6:00 – CSD 14

My name is **Maria Christina Pacheco**, here representing **IFAP farmers** from a member organization called **ORPLANA**, from Brazil.

*Chairman, thank for this one minute giving to the Farmers to make the follow statement.*

1-FARMERS producer of the FUEL for the human kind and livestock have many challenges lie ahead, and many new opportunities present themselves as well.

2-FARMERS can play an important role in planning for and meeting the call for renewable energy and therefore, energy security needs.

3-Farmers are already doing a lot to use renewable energies and to mitigate and adapt to climate change. However, their actions are not well documented. Farmers are ready to continue making efforts and take there responsibility in this regard, but they should not be alone. They need the support and incentives from all stakeholders including the governments and the private sector. Farmers are ready to protect the environment and produce food at the same time.

4-FARMERS are already involved in the Agroenergy economy, and could help a lot more producing Green Energy all over the world in respect to human beings and Mother Earth. Agroenergy is emerging as fossil fuel becomes economically, environmentally, and politically unsustainable.

5-FARMES represent one of the most affected sectors by climate change but also as a sector with a huge potential to address this problem. Agroenergy can provide an economic impatus for agricultural and rural development and help rejuvenate rural economies with a significant financial impact on farmers and agricultural businesses. More JOBS will be added to the rural area - The utilisation of set-aside and under-utilised land shown to increase employment potential by one person per twenty hectares dedicated to energy crops. B ut no use of Florest land.

6 -If the DEVELOPDED countries invest, finance, transfer tecnology to produce Agroenergy in the underdeveloped countries, we FARMERS from the Third world could produce it, such as, Ethanol –Biodiesel, Eletricity and FOOD. And POVERTY could diminished of the world as planned and wished.

**AGROENERGY IS TODAY'S FUTURE**