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Producers' Statement on the occasion of the Pre-Summit Closing Plenary*

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I am Thales Mendonca, and I am an organic farmer from Brazil, but I am here today to share the views of farmers, fishers, herders, ranchers and pastoralists who are diverse in the ways they operate and produce food and have been participating in the UN Food Systems summit process from the beginning.

There are **two commitments that we want to make toward food systems:**

One...we are at the heart of the food system transformation, and we **will continue** to work towards more regenerative, equitable, and empowering food systems. **We ARE providers of solutions** for the **health and wellbeing** of ourselves, communities, and the planet.

Two... we commit to addressing Zero hunger and malnutrition in all its forms by producing a diversity of food that is **safe, nutritious, and respects all planetary boundaries but I want to call out the need to stop the loss of biodiversity.**

But...we all have to play our part, and this means that and there are two requests:

One... the **concentration of power** in food systems needs to be rebalanced so that we can realise the **true value of food and** strengthen the **agency of primary producers.**

Two... we need you all to do your part to support producers to transition to resilient, agroecological, adaptive and integrated food systems.

Producers through our organizations and cooperatives will continue to engage policy making bodies to shape agriculture policies and implement pro-producer measures and programmes.

We need **our identity and our own voice** in all spaces without which **no transformation of food systems is possible.** **We are the people in the food systems.**

Today we are the seeds of tomorrows harvest. Let's farm the future together.

* *Transcription of the Producers' Statement at the Closing Plenary of the UN Food Systems Pre-Summit.*