



World Farmers' Organisation Declaration Against Violence to Farmers

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We, farmers of the world, men, women, and youth, taking care of small, medium, and large-scale farms and cooperatives, recognize that Agriculture, including crops, horticulture, feedstock, livestock breeding, fisheries, and forestry, is at the heart of sustainable development. Farmers and rural communities are the key players for food security, nutrition and biodiversity conservation.

We, farmers, also humbly face the responsibilities that come with the tasks of feeding the world and caring for the environment.

We, farmers,

Observing that in too many countries, members of the farming community are deprived of the right to farm,

Assessing that the security of the farmers of the world is too often harmed by the violence of all sorts, i.e.: robbery, rape, denied access to basic rights; unfair and limited access to the value chain; that youth is denied the right to work; that women are marginalized by being deprived of the right to farm, the right to education, the right to own the land where they work; that women, men and young farmers, in some places, are forced into conditions, which cause their moral and physical decay; that farmers are too often excluded or partially involved from the decision-making processes affecting the agricultural sector,

Detecting that millions of men and women farmers are broken in spirit and health and are left behind without proper protection for their right to live and work,

Strongly **condemn** violence of any sort, including physical, moral, gender, racial, religious, social and economic violence against farmers and rural communities around the world,

and **call** for appropriate protection of the farming communities' security, by the Governments of the planet.

We, farmers of the world, promote peace and prosperity worldwide and stand ready to collaborate with other stakeholders in the farming sector to develop sustainable and multifunctional agricultural systems that can foster economic and social improvement globally, as well as, a protected environment for future generations.
