

## **Comments by Member States and Major Groups on the Chair's Negotiating Document**

- Substantive policy recommendations should be part of the main text, not in the annex. (Mexico)
- The text should strive for new and forward-looking recommendations with clear responsibilities. (Switzerland)
- There is a need for a separate section on SIDS. (AOSIS, PSIDS and CARICOM)
- More emphasis is needed on least developed countries and Africa's special needs. (G-77, Bangladesh)
- There should be a reference to challenges faced by people under foreign occupation. (G-77, Arab Group)
- Climate change is dealt substantively within UNFCCC process (G-77)
- Reference to the Summit on climate change in September in terms of addressing the mutual impact of climate change, land degradation and desertification is missing. (Nigeria)
- Good governance as a cross-cutting issue (rule of law, accountable public institutions, freedom and democracy) should be addressed. (Australia, Canada, EU)
- Text should reflect a link between food security and sustainable agriculture. (USA).
- References to food security, access and right to food are missing as well as urgency about food crisis (Australia, Norway)
- There is a need to highlight different economic factors in the global food crisis. (Venezuela)
- Food security should be addressed as a cross-cutting issue for small island developing states. (SIDS)
- More elaboration is needed regarding precautionary principle, organic farming and organic agriculture. (EU)
- Reference to International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture needs to be made. (EU)

- Subsidies of developed countries should also be addressed under agriculture and rural development. (G-77)
- There is a need for reference on international guidelines for more secure land tenure arrangements. (Switzerland)
- The text suggests that mismanagement of land leads to its degradation which is misleading. (USA)
- References should be added on degradation and poor land management leading to conflicts. (SIDS)
- There should be reference to biofuels based on sustainability criteria as well as development of international guidelines on biofuels by UN system. (EU, Norway, Switzerland, Major Group - Women)
- Biofuels should not be produced on the expense of food and there should be a reference to it. (Venezuela, Major Group - NGO)
- Text does not mention farmer-based cooperatives. (USA)
- Means of implementation should be addressed under each policy option. (G-77)
- Means of implementation: text also needs to distinguish between responsibilities of developed and developing countries in financial resources, technology transfer, capacity building and debt cancellation. (G-77)
- A reference need to be made to private capital flows in line with sustainable development principles in Africa. (EU)
- There is a need for expanded references to ODA, debt relief, trade-distorting subsidies. (Japan)
- Availability of funding should be addressed as well as accessibility. (SIDS)
- Agricultural subsidies are not only in developed countries. Markets in all countries need to be opened to free trade. (Australia)
- Proposal to mobilize new and additional financial resources for the Global Mechanism for the implementation of the UNCCD 10-Year Strategic Plan should be questioned. (Nigeria)
- The Paris Principles for Aid Effectiveness should not be highlighted because it is not a general commitment. (G-77)

- Crop insurance in case of natural disasters should have a reference in the text. (SIDS)
- A reference needs to be made on Africa disaster risk reduction and management taking into account early warning systems, climate change impacts and specific country profiles. (Canada, Norway)
- Value of Ecosystem Services should also be addressed. (Canada, Switzerland, Major Group – Youth)
- There should be a reference to African Development Conference - TICAD IV. (Japan)
- UNCCD should be a focal point on land (Nigeria)
- Enhanced references are needed to recognized rights of women, youth and Indigenous Peoples. (Major group – Women)
- Technology solutions that include social aspects of farmers, including rights-based approach to water and food and resources as well as gender should be addressed. (Major groups – Women and NGO)
- There is not enough reference on capacity building and information and communication in local communities. (Major Group – NGO)
- In Africa, references to home-grown school feeding programs are missing. (Major Group – NGO)
- Strengthening urban-rural linkages to markets through support of urban and peri-urban agriculture, including market processing for nearby areas should be included. (Major Group – Local Authorities)
- There should be a reference of the role of local authorities in conjunction with scientific and technological community. (Major Group – Local Authorities)
- A reference should be made to promoting decent work to improve living conditions as a solution to eradicate poverty in rural areas. (Major Group - Trade Unions)
- Knowledge-based approach to sustainable agriculture research and development is essential, it requires capacity building in education and engineering, and training with emphasis on women and youth. (Major Group - Scientific and Technological Community)

- Infrastructure encompasses physical, social and environmental aspects and must be addressed in an integrated manner. (Major Group - Scientific and Technological Community)
- More reference is necessary on investment in sustainable agriculture. (Major Group – Farmers)
- There should be increase references to information sharing versus technology. (USA)
- Unified approach to R&D education for cross-disciplinary purposes should be addressed. (USA)