



Evo Morales Ayma
President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia

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Your Excellency,

On behalf of La Via Campesina, the global peasants movement, we are honored to express our gratitude to Your Excellency for the commitment to the rights of peasants and the leading role played by Bolivia in the United Nations for over a decade in order to achieve the adoption of an UN Declaration for the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas. The Missions of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, at United Nations in Geneva and in New York, have been instrumental in this process since 2008, starting with the Human Rights Council and ending with the UN General Assembly in December 2018. The Bolivian leadership has been fundamental in the negotiations, as reflected by the successes and achievements to date.

As a global movement of peasants, landless people, rural women and youth, indigenous people, migrants and agricultural workers, we firmly believe that the UN Declaration will benefit all the peasants, the humanity in general, and also Mother Earth. This enormous effort of the Bolivian government, together with La Vía Campesina and other movements and organizations of civil society, is a great symbol of the defense of the interests of the people and the protection, respect and promotion of human rights.

La Via Campesina welcome your commitment and actions to the adoption process of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas. Now that the declaration is an international legal instrument, we will mobilize to support regional and national implementation processes.

We hope to continue working hand-in-hand with the leadership of His Excellency Evo Morales Ayma, because we all know that it is critical that our voice is heard and amplified to lead to real improvement on the livelihoods of peasants and other people working in rural areas. We acknowledge that Bolivian government shall play pivotal role in achieving this real improvement, especially with structural transformations, including the practice of agro-ecology and genuine agrarian reform; recognizing, defending, and protecting land, water, seeds, biodiversity, under the human rights of peasants, fisher folk and other people working in rural areas - making food sovereignty a lived reality worldwide.

Yours sincerely,

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