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FARMERS GROUP STATEMENT

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My name is Maria Christina Pacheco. I am a cane grower from Brazil and my organisation is a member of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP).

FARMERS – uses to produce only food , but I like to say, we FARMERS are the PRODUCERS the FUEL for the HUMAN BEING and animals , but today we must say we, FARMERS, produce also - BIO-ENERGY...

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

3- Renewable energies represent an opportunity to increase farmers' income, to revive rural communities, bringing jobs and wealth, fighting poverty in rural area. Of course, farmers are well aware that the development of renewable energies has to be done in a sustainable way.

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

5 – FARMERS need support from Government and International Organization to promote and facilitate investment in production of Bio-energy, and we FARMERS can produce it, such as, Ethanol –Biodiesel, Electricity and FOOD. And POVERTY could be diminished of the world as planned and wished.

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