



The European Union and the global food challenge – the contribution of organised civil society

Thursday, 13 November 2008

at the French Economic, Social and Environmental Council

9, place d'Iéna - 75016 Paris

9.15 a.m.

Opening statement by Michel Barnier, French Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries

Statement by Jacques Dermagne, President of the French Economic, Social and Environmental Council

Statement by Mario Sepi, President of the European Economic and Social Committee

Session 1:

Food and agricultural production: a world crisis

A difficult equation to balance: increased quantitative and qualitative demand. Demography; changing dietary habits; new health and hygiene requirements set against strong production constraints (energy, climate, water supply and fragile environments)

Moderator: **Henri Malosse**, President of the Employers' Group, European Economic and Social Committee

👉 **9.45- 10 a.m.**

Presentation by Seppo Kallio, Rapporteur, on the contribution of the European Economic and Social Committee, and opening of the first round table

👉 **10- 11.15 a.m.**

Round table:

- ◆ **Michel Griffon**, Deputy Director-General, French National Research Agency (ANR);
- ◆ **Emmanuel Desplechin**, European representative, Brazilian Sugar Cane Industry Association (UNICA);
- ◆ **Jean Delmelle**, President, European Federation of Food Banks (FEBA);
- ◆ **Alberto Montoya**, Vice-president of CEEN (Centro de Estudios Estrategicas Nacionales), Mexico;
- ◆ **Kader Aziz Camara**, National Confederation of Guinean Workers;
- ◆ **Salimata Diarra**, President, Consumers' Association of Mali (ASCOMA) *to be confirmed*
- ◆ **Bernard Bachelier**, Director, Foundation for World Agriculture and Rural Life (FARM)

👉 **11.15- 11.45 a.m.**

Discussion opens to the floor

👉 **11.45 a.m.- 12.05 p.m.**

Summary of the discussions by Hans-Joachim Wilms, President of the Section for Agriculture, Rural Development and the Environment of the European Economic and Social Committee

👉 **12.05- 12.25 p.m.**

Closing statement for the morning session

Gemmo Lodesani, Director, Brussels office of the World Food Programme (WFP)

12.30 - 2.15 p.m.

Buffet lunch offered by the Agriculture, Crafts, Cooperation and Private Enterprises Groups of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council

Session 2:

Ensuring universal access to sufficient high-quality food

Production methods. Kinds of regulation. Global balances. Securing food safety. The role of the European Union.

Moderator : **Alain-Gérard Slama**, journalist, writer, member of the French Economic, Social and Environmental Council

- 👉 **2.30- 2.50 p.m.** **Statement by Mairead McGuinness**, MEP, Rapporteur on Common Agricultural Policy and global food security
- 👉 **2.50- 3.05 p.m.** **Presentation by Jocelyne Hacquemand**, Rapporteur, on the contribution of the French Economic, Social and Environmental Council, and opening of the second round table
- 👉 **3.05- 4.30 p.m.** **Round table**
 - ♦ **Jean-Michel Debrat**, Deputy Director-General, French Development Agency (AFD)
 - ♦ **Moussa Balla Coulibaly**, President of the Economic, Social and Cultural Council of Mali
 - ♦ **Henri Rouillé D'Orfeuill**, President, Coordination Sud
 - ♦ **Mamadou Cissokho**, former President, Network of Farmers' and Agricultural Producers' Organisations of West Africa (ROPPA)
 - ♦ **Fernando Lopez**, Vice-President of the Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean, International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP)
 - ♦ **Catherine Combette**, DG Agriculture and rural development, European Commission
 - ♦ **Giuseppe Politi**, President of the Italian Agriculture Confederation (CIA), Vice-president of the COPA (*European Farmers' Association*), Vice-president of the IFAP Mediterranean Committee (International Federation of Agricultural Producers)
 - ♦ **Marília M. Leão**, Economic and Social Development Council of Brazil, President of the Brazilian Association promoting the human right to sufficient food
- 👉 **4.30 - 5 p.m.** **Discussion opens to the floor**
- 👉 **5- 5.20 p.m.** **Summary of the discussion by Luc Guyau**, Vice- President, French Economic, Social and Environmental Council **and Seppo Kallio**, Vice-President of the European Economic and Social Committee

5.30 p.m.

Closing statement by Rama Yade,
French State Secretary, in charge of Foreign Affairs and Human Rights

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