

Joint Open letter

To: German Agricultural Minister Cem Oezdemir

24/11/20202

Subject: Civil Society Organisations from the Global South in support of Germany's move to prohibit the export of EU-banned pesticides

Dear honourable Agricultural Minister Cem Oezdemir,

We, the signing 274 organisations from 54 countries, would like to express our appreciation and support for Germany's move forward to prohibit the export of EU-banned pesticides that endanger our people and the planet, our livelihoods and wellbeing.

We thank you, Minister Oezdemir, for your [statement, made on September 11](#), acknowledging that it is not acceptable that Germany continues to produce and export pesticides that have rightly been banned on its own territory to protect people's health and that people throughout the world, including farmers, have the same right to health.

In our countries, our peoples' health and livelihoods are threatened by Highly Hazardous Pesticides, such as those that are banned in the EU, but are nonetheless allowed to be exported to countries outside the EU. In those exports, Germany plays a relevant role with 8,525 tonnes of unauthorised active pesticide substances exported in 2021 alone¹. These pesticides are known to cause acute poisonings amongst farmers as well as chronic illnesses like cancer, or have the potential to disrupt peoples' endocrine systems, putting especially the unborn, children, and women at risk. Some of these pesticides are also known water contaminants or are known to harm and even eliminate populations of beneficial insects, which endangers biodiversity, pollination, natural pest control, and consequently people's food security and health.

With the prohibition of the export of Highly Hazardous Pesticides already banned in the EU, Germany will take the necessary steps to fulfil its extraterritorial state obligations to protect people abroad from human rights violations. The states' obligations under international human rights law derive from the international human rights covenants (ICESCR and ICCPR), and have been detailed more recently in »UNDROP« specifically for the case of peasants and other people working in rural areas. In UNDROP the German government has a clear legal basis for adopting laws designed to ban the commercialization of the most hazardous pesticides.

We appeal to you, your colleague ministers and coalition partners, to ensure that the legislation you are working on will prevent future exports of banned pesticides in a comprehensive and consistent manner. We urge you to ban the export of all pesticides that are not approved in the European Union – no matter if they are exported as products or active ingredients. The mere export ban of formulated pesticide products will not be sufficient to prevent harm, as exporters could just shift to exporting active ingredients, which would then

be formulated and used in the importing country. **Additionally, to ensure a meaningful impact, we ask that the export ban includes pesticides that are considered to be too dangerous both for people’s health *and* for the environment and biodiversity.**

Furthermore, we would like to stress that the export ban of EU-banned pesticides can only be a first step towards a global phase-out of Highly Hazardous Pesticides and a broader structural transition towards organic agriculture and agroecology to ensure that food systems support the wellbeing of people and planet, based on the fulfilment of basic human rights.

The signing 274 organisations from 54 countries appeal to Germany to make a courageous move. We express our support and we are convinced that if Germany upholds its commitment to reduce unsustainable double standards in pesticide trade with the planned new legislation, it will set a model for other countries and regions to follow and will be an important step to reduce the harm from highly hazardous pesticides suffered by all people and the planet.

Signed on behalf of all signatures

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Signatures

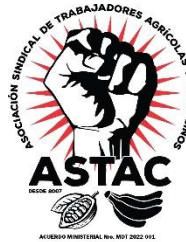




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ACIN CWK	Colombia
ACOVICRUZ	Bolivia
Action Coalition on Climate Change, ACCC	Uganda
ADMUCIR	Colombia
African Centre for Biodiversity	South Africa
AGENDA for Environment and Responsible Development (AGENDA)	Tanzania
Agroecology X	Philippines
Alianza ENT Uruguay	Uruguay
Alliance for Action on Pesticide in Nigeria (AAPN)	Nigeria
Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa	Uganda
Amihan National Federation of Peasant Women	Philippines
AMIHAN National Federation of Peasant Women - Philippines	Philippines
Anmucic anmucur	Colombia
Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment	Armenia
Articulação Nacional de Agroecologia (ANA)	Brazil
Asdri	Guatemala
Aso afro	Ecuador
Asociación 32 volcanes	Guatemala
Asociación Afroecuatoriana para Desarrollo Integral SER AFRO	Ecuador
Asociación Agroecológica Las Tangaras	Ecuador
Asociación Civil no Lucrativa para el Desarrollo Custodios del Bosque	Guatemala
Asociacion comunitaria para el desarrollo SERJUS -ASERJUS-	Guatemala
Asociación de Desarrollo Agrícola y Microempresarial, ADAM	Guatemala
Asociación de Iniciativas Populares Ditsö	Costa Rica
Asociacion Departamental de mujeres campesinas e indigenas de Santander - ADEMUCIS	Colombia
Asociación departamental de mujeres campesinas negras e indígenas del Magdalena	Colombia
Asociación MINGA	Colombia

Asociación Nuevo Amanecer de El Salvador	El Salvador
Asociación para una Ciudadanía Participativa (ACI PARTICIPA)	Honduras
Asociación Sindical de Trabajadores Agrícolas bananeros y Campesinos	Ecuador
Asomupro	Nicaragua
ASPAGO	Burkina Faso
Associação Agroecológica Tijupá	Brazil
Associação Brasileira de Agroecologia/aba-agroecologia	Brazil
Associação de Estudos, Orientação e Assistência Rural-ASSESOAR	Brazil
Association APEDDUB	Tunisia
Association For Promotion Sustainable Development	India
Association Monde Rural	Burkina Faso
Association Nature et Culture Burkina	Burkina Faso
Association sougri Nooma pour le Développement des Initiatives Féminines (ADIF)	Burkina Faso
Ayi Kaario	Philippines
BARCIK	Bangladesh
BEACON	Kenya
BENKADI COOP-CA	Côte d'Ivoire
BienEstar Consultoria	Peru
Bina Desa	Indonesia
Biodiversity and Biosafety Association of Kenya	Kenya
Biological Farming Association Elkana	Georgia
Biovision Africa (BIVA)	Uganda
Bufete de derechos humanos: "Estudios para la Dignidad"	Honduras
Cal-Maji Foundation	Nigeria
Cambodian Grossroots Cross-sector Network (CGCN)	Cambodia
Campaña Nacional Sin Maíz No Hay País	México
Campanha Permanente Contra os Agrotóxicos e Pela Vida	Brazil
Carbone Guinée	Guinea
Caritas Long Xuyen	Vietnam
Caritas Nepal	Nepal
Caritas Phan Thiet	Vietnam
Casa Cem- Vias Verdes A.C.	México
Cátedra Libre de Agroecología y Soberanía Alimentaria - UNC	Argentina
CCIMCAT	Bolivia
CEAS Burkina	Burkina Faso
Centre for Ecological Governance and Gender Initiatives (CEGGI)	Uganda
Centro Agrícola Cantonal de Quevedo	Ecuador
Centro de Derechos de Mujeres, CDM	Honduras
Centro de Documentación e Información Bolivia - CEDIB	Bolivia
Centro de Documentación en Derechos Humanos "Segundo Montes Mozo SJ" (CSMM)	Ecuador
Centro de Ecología y Pueblos Andinos CEPA	Bolivia
Centro de Estudios Regionales para el Desarrollo de Tarija CERDET	Bolivia
Centro de Estudios Sociales y Legales (CELS)	Argentina
Centro de Formación y Capacitación para la Participación Ciudadana FOCAPACI	Bolivia

Centro de Investigación y Educación Popular, CINEP	Colombia
Centro de Investigación y Promoción del Campesinado CIPCA	Bolivia
Centro de Reflexiones Nim Poqom	Guatemala
Centro de Tecnologías Alternativas da Zona da Mata CTA-ZM	Brazil
Centro Regional de Derechos Humanos Bartolome Carrasco AC	Mexico
Centro Waman Wasi	Peru
Children's Environmental Health Foundation	Zambia
CIET Uruguay	Uruguay
Cincel	Chile
CISEP	Bolivia
Civil Society Advocacy Network on Climate Change and the Environment Sierra Leone (CAN-SL)	Sierra Leone
Coalition pour la Protection du Patrimoine Génétique Africain (COPAGEN)	Côte d'Ivoire
COCODE El Asintal	Guatemala
Colectiva Feminista para el Desarrollo Local	El Salvador
Colectivo Abejas vivas	Colombia
Colectivo Angirü	Bolivia
Colectivo de apoyo a Vía campesina	Colombia
Colectivo en defensa polinizadores	Ecuador
Colectivo MadreSelva	Guatemala
Colectivo TÁ	Uruguay
Comisión Arquidiócesana Pastoral Social Caritas PASOC	Bolivia
Comité Ambiental Comunal de Casablanca	Chile
Commercial Stevedores and Agriculture Workers Union (CSAAWU)	South Africa
Commission of Charity and Social Action - Caritas of Dalat Diocese	Vietnam
Community Action Against Plastic Waste (CAPws)	Nigeria
Community Technology Development Trust (CTDT)	Zambia
Compañía Colombiana de Miel de Abejas (COCOMÁ)	Colombia
Concern Development Program	Kenya
Conseil National de l'Agriculture Biologique	Burkina Faso
Conseil National de l'Agriculture Biologique	Burkina Faso
Conservation Alliance International	Ghana
Consultative Institute for Socio-Economic Development of Rural and Mountainous Areas - CISDOMA	Vietnam
Consumer Grassroots Association	Kenya
COOP CA LAG	Côte d'Ivoire
COOPASA SCOOPS	Côte d'Ivoire
Cooperativa Sur-Siendo Redes y Sabores	Ecuador
Coordinadora para Asentamientos Espontáneos (CAES)	Paraguay
Corporación Conaoc	Chile
Corporación Conciudadanía	Colombia
Corporación para la salud popular grupo Guillermo Fergusson	Colombia
Corporación por el Desarrollo de la Provincia de Vélez	Colombia
Corporación Viva la Ciudadanía	Colombia
CREPD	Cameroon
Csaawu	South Africa

Danggayan Daguiti Mannalon ti Cagayan Valley - KMP (Regional Peasant Alliance of Cagayan Valley)	Philippines
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	South Africa
DWC	Vietnam
ECAM	Bolivia
Eclosio	Peru
Ecological Observation and Wetlands Conservation (ECOTON)	Indonesia
Ecological Restorations	Ghana
Ecumenical Association Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development (ECASARD)	Ghana
Enda-Colombia. Asociación Equidad, sostenibilidad y derechos ambientales.	Colombia
Environmental Rights Action/Friends of the Earth Nigeria (ERA/FoEN)	Nigeria
Equipo Jurídico por los Derechos Humanos	Honduras
FAIN Brazil	Brazil
Fe y Alegría Ecuador	Ecuador
Federación de Pescadores Artesanales del Departamento del Magdalena	Colombia
Fepesarmag	Colombia
FIAN Burkina Faso	Burkina Faso
FIAN Colombia	Colombia
FIAN Internacional Sección Honduras	Honduras
FONASC - Fórum Nacional da Sociedade Civil nos Comitês de Bacias Hidrográficas	Brazil
FORUM Nacional de Combate aos Impactos dos Agrotóxicos e Transgênicos	Brazil
Forum Potiguar de Combate aos Agrotóxicos e Transgênicos na Saúde, Meio Ambiente e em Defesa da Agroecologia	Brazil
Forum Solidaridad Perú	Peru
Frente de lucha ambiental Delia Villalba	Uruguay
Fructus Terra	Argentina
Fundación Acción Cultural Loyola (ACLO)	Bolivia
Fundacion AGRECOL Andes	Bolivia
Fundación Ayni	Bolivia
Fundación Centro Arakuaarenda	Bolivia
Fundación Foro Nacional por Colombia	Colombia
Fundación Machaqa Amawta	Bolivia
Fundación PRODAMA	Bolivia
Fundación PRODIASUR	Bolivia
Fundación Pueblo Indio del Ecuador	Ecuador
Fundación Solidaridad y Amistad Chuquisaca - Tréveris	Bolivia
Fundacion Solon	Bolivia
Fundación Visión Colectiva	Ecuador
Fundesar fundación de desplazados del aracataca	Colombia
Green Promise Initiative International	Nigeria
Green Times	South Africa
Greenpeace Brazil	Brazil
groundWork, Friends of the Earth South Africa	South Africa
Groupe d'Action pour la Promotion et la Protection de la Flore et de la Faune GA-PROFFA)	Benin
Grupo de Trabajo Cambio Climático y Justicia (GTCCJ)	Bolivia

Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF)	Nigeria
Hospital Sbarra La Plata	Argentina
ICRAF	Kenya
IDEF	Côte d'Ivoire
Inades Formation Burkina	Burkina Faso
Inades-Formation Côte d'Ivoire	Côte d'Ivoire
Inades-Formation Togo	Togo
Independiente	Ecuador
Inspira Red Ecuador	Ecuador
Institute for National and Democracy Studies (INDIES)	Indonesia
Instituto de Capacitación para el Desarrollo (INCADE)	Bolivia
Instituto de Estudios Ecologistas del Tercer Mundo	Ecuador
Instituto de Promoción Humana (INPRHU)	Nicaragua
Instituto Popular de Capacitación (IPC)	Colombia
IPHAE	Bolivia
IRPAD/Afrique	Mali
JA!Justica Ambiental	Mozambique
JINUKUN	Benin
Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology	Kenya
José Gilberto de Souza	Brazil
JPIC Kalimantan	Indonesia
Kathmandu University	Nepal
Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas	Philippines
Lake Victoria Basin Talent Development and Adolescent Health	Kenya
LaRosa Farm	Kenya
Macavi	Colombia
MAELA	Colombia
Magsasaka at Siyentipiko para sa Pag-unlad ng Agrikultura (MASIPAG)	Philippines
MARBE SA	Costa Rica
Maria Isabel Rios	Ecuador
Movimento Ciencia Cidadã	Brazil
Movimento de Mulheres Camponesas	Brazil
Movimento Sem Terra (MST)	Brazil
Movimento Urbano de Agroecologia (MUDA)	Brazil
Muchi Childrens Home	Zambia
Mujeres por el ambiente	Colombia
NAAWU	India
Nanny Africa	Cameroon
Nataly Pinto Alvaro	Ecuador
National Fisheries Solidarity Movement	Sri Lanka
Network on Sound Management of Chemicals Kitara (Nesmac - Kitara)	Uganda
Noordhoek Environmental Action Group	South Africa
Observatorio Plurinacional de Salares Andinos	Chile
Oxfam Colombia	Colombia
Pakaid	Pakistan

Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum	Pakistan
Pan African Vision for the Environment(PAVE)	Nigeria
Paz y Esperanza Colombia se vincula.	Colombia
People's Action for Development (PAD)	Cambodia
Pesticide Action Network	Mauritius
Pesticide Action Network Asia Pacific (PANAP)	Malaysia
Pesticide Action Network (PAN) Africa	Senegal
Pesticide Action Network (PAN) Aotearoa New Zealand	Aotearoa New Zealand
Physicians for Social Responsibility Kenya	Kenya
Plataforma Colombiana de Derechos Humanos, Democracia y Desarrollo	Colombia
Plateforme Ivoirienne pour le cacao durable	Côte d'Ivoire
Ponlokkhmer	Cambodia
PROBIOMA	Bolivia
Proyecto de desarrollo comunitario (PRODECO)	Bolivia
RALLT	Ecuador
Red de Acción en Plaguicidas (RAPAL) Uruguay	Uruguay
Red de Acción en Plaguicidas de Chile / Alianza por una Mejor Calidad de Vida	Chile
Red de Acción en Plaguicidas y sus Alternativas en Mexico (RAPAM) - Pesticie	Mexico
Action Network in Mexico	Mexico
Red de BioMercados del Perú	Peru
Red de Desarrollo Sostenible de Colombia	Colombia
Red nacional de semillas nativas y criollas del Uruguay	Uruguay
Red Nacional por la Defensa de la Soberanía Alimentaria en Guatemala (RED-SAG)	Guatemala
Red por una América Latina Libre de Transgénicos	Ecuador
Red Puna y Quebrada de Jujuy Argentina	Argentina
RENACC-Tarija	Bolivia
Research Centre for Gender, Family and Environment in Development (CGFED)	Vietnam
Réseau des Organisations Paysannes et des Producteurs Agricoles de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (ROPPA)	West Africa
Rivers and Forests Alliance	Costa Rica
Roots for Equity	Pakistan
Route to Food	Kenya
RSL SEA	Vietnam
Rural Environment and Development Organisation (REDO)	Rwanda
Rural Women Association	Cambodia
SAP	Argentina
Semillas de Identidad	Colombia
Serikat Perempuan Indonesia (Seruni)	Indonesia
SHISUK	Bangladesh
Social Policy Ecology Research Institute	Vietnam
Social Work Institute	Nepal
Société Coopérative Agricole de Loboville	Côte d'Ivoire
Société Coopérative Agricole Ekambonou de Daloa (SOCAED COOP CA)	Côte d'Ivoire
Société Coopérative Agricole Entente Soutra (SCAES COOP-CA)	Côte d'Ivoire
Société coopérative pour le developpement agricole de Guitry (SOCODAG COOP-CA)	Côte d'Ivoire

Society for rural education and development	India
society for sustainable development	India
SOCOPLAN	Cote d'Ivoire
Somali Greenpeace Association	Somalia
Stop	Brazil
Subcorredor Biológico Barbilla Destierro Paso del Jaguar	Costa Rica
Sustainable Environment Development Initiative	Nigeria
Sustainable Research and Action for Environmental Development	Nigeria
SUTEBA	Argentina
Terra de Direitos	Brazil
Territorio Constituyente	Chile
The Arab Group for the Protection of Nature (APN)	Jordan
The Social Policy Ecology Research Institute (SPERI)	Vietnam
TIERRA - Taller de Iniciativas en Estudios Rurales y Reforma Agraria	Bolivia
Toxic Action network Central Asia	Kazakhstan-Kyrgyzstan-Tajikistan-Uzbekistan
Toxics Link	India
TOXISPHERA Environmental Health Association	Brazil
Trust for Community Outreach and Education (TCOE)	South Africa
Unión de Científicos Comprometidos con la Sociedad y la Naturaleza de América Latina (UCCSNAL) Argentina	Argentina
Unión de Científicos Comprometidos con la Sociedad y Naturaleza de América Latina (UCCSNAL)	Latin-America
Union des Groupements Féminins Ce Dwane Nyee (UGF/CDN)	Burkina Faso
University of Cape Town	South Africa
University of Nairobi	Kenya
Vikalpani National Women's Federation	Sri Lanka
Western media for environment and conservation (WEMECO)	Uganda
Women on Farms Project	South Africa
Yooab-Laada BD Burkina Faso	Burkina Faso
Zambia Alliance for Agroecology and Biodiversity	Zambia

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