



We, the Ministers of Agriculture or Agrarian Development assembled here in Paris on 25 February 2014 at the International Agriculture Show, confirm our desire to participate fully in the International Year of Family Farming, proclaimed by the UN General Assembly.

We

- emphasize the need to ensure food security in the context of climate change and to seek to ensure the supply of food to our peoples in quantity and quality, the sustainable management of natural resources, decent work for our farmers and the safeguarding of material and intangible heritage.
- pay tribute to the often demanding work of our farmers, men and women, who account for 40% of the working population worldwide, and we have full confidence in their individual and collective capacity to help meet the challenges of agricultural and food production and the safeguarding of the environment and employment.
- stress the importance to develop the potential of family farming worldwide, in particular thanks to its multifunctional character.
- emphasize the need to support the setting up of young farmers. We need to define specific policies providing them with access to training and the necessary inputs for sustainable agricultural production.
- encourage our farmers to participate fully in the development of their regions and address the more demanding and wider-ranging consumer demand in those regions.
- commit through our public policies to creating a favourable environment and allowing family farming to contribute to inclusive sustainable development of our countries, which means that we are committed to providing access and ensuring the use of agricultural land, to investing in communication infrastructure, irrigation and conservation, to supporting agricultural credit institutions, to helping producer organisations focus research and agricultural education in line with the needs of family farmers, and to encouraging market organisation and the promotion of the products of our agriculture.

We hope that the theme of Family Farming is on the agenda of the various high-level summits on Agriculture and Food Security and that the Statement is shared as widely as possible on these occasions. In particular we hope that this theme and the Statement are discussed at the next session of the Committee on World Food Security especially during the World Food Day in October 2014.

Done in Paris, on the 25th of february