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Thank you your excellencies,

On behalf of the Farming First coalition which represents more than 140 groups, including farmers organisations, and the International Agri-Food Network which I co-ordinate, we have two issues to highlight.

The first is that we join with the African Union, the LLDCs, and LDCs in calling for the inclusion of “rural development” in the document. We would prefer it appear in chapeau under “planet”, following the reference to cities. Rural people do, afterall, bear the highest proportion of the poverty globally.

As an alternate, a possible placement is in paragraph 28 after “Sustainable industrial development”.

Additionally, we ask that you consider the importance of including “malnutrition” in paragraph 8 after “food security”.

Thank you for your consideration.