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**Statement by Farmers Major Group made by Dr. Sarala Gopalan**

**Multi-stakeholder Dialogue on Contribution from CSD-19 to the UN Conference on Sustainable Development**

Mister Chairman,

From time to time, one gets the sense that the impending Conference on Sustainable Development has meant that CSD 19 gets less attention. It is important constructive conclusions be reached this May. Issues that have received years of attention should result in agreed negotiated text that forms a basis for the work at Rio+20.

In this regard, we hope the agreements of previous CSD sessions will be considered the basis for Rio's outcomes. The gaps in implementing these many promises and agreements need to have a priority at Rio.

Together they form a foundation that builds toward a vision of the green economy.

Then, we need **ACTION** among at national, regional, and multilateral levels, in conjunction with multiple UN agencies, **AND** major groups.