



FAIRTRADE

Members of the Governments of the EU Member states
Head of Presidency of the Council, President Emmanuel Macron
Members of the European Parliament,

We approach you on behalf of 1.9 million Fairtrade farmers and workers working in agricultural supply chains across the world. **Supported by companies working with Fairtrade, we call upon you to put people's rights and environmental sustainability at the core of the proposed due diligence legislation.**

Millions of people consume our food and other essential products daily, from cocoa, banana and coffee to the cotton in their clothing. Unfortunately, there are still gross historical human rights violations in these supply chains that relentlessly affect our communities, such as:

- Low incomes and wages keep farmers' and workers' living standards low and result in food insecurity, limited educational opportunities, and poor access to health care;
- Child labour is fueled by families' poverty and lack of access to quality education for children and youth, denying them the opportunity to break out of the poverty cycle;
- Women often face violence and harassment at workplace, are overrepresented in the lowest-paying tasks and underrepresented in decision making, and;
- Careless overuse of hazardous chemicals causes irremediable health problems, pollution of waterways and destruction of biodiversity.

The COVID-19 crisis and climate change are exacerbating our challenges. European due diligence legislation is sorely needed. However, the impact will depend on the content and implementation of such legislation. **We need companies to work with us in addressing and remediating human rights and environmental violations.**

Dialogue with the people impacted by business is a fundamental principle in human rights and environmental due diligence (HREDD). We, as rights holders, want our voices heard.

We call upon you to implement impactful European legislation on human rights and environmental due diligence that ensures that companies:

- Conduct due diligence on their **whole value chains**, since violations often take place at the beginning of supply chains;
- **Invest in and share the cost of compliance** proportionally and fairly along the entire supply chain, not putting more pressure on farmers and workers without the resources to improve the situation and take necessary actions;
- Assess existing business practices and shift to fair **trading and purchasing practices**, such as long-term commitments and fair pricing policies that enable living incomes and wages and greater predictability for producer organizations;
- Address the most serious human rights and environmental issues rather than abandon or avoid high-risk sourcing areas ('**cut and run**') as soon as their suppliers face human rights or environmental challenges;
- Recognize and act on **living wages, living incomes**, freedom of association and collective bargaining as indivisible human rights which are indispensable steps in human rights and environmental protection and promotion;
- Have **meaningful dialogue** with farmers, workers and other rights holders at every step of their due diligence process, working together in a participatory and bottom-up approach.

This legislation will only have been implemented correctly if it has meaningful impact in improving the lives of rights holders, including farmers and workers, rather than creating additional harm. We therefore appeal to you to seize this moment and to listen to our voices and invite us to any upcoming stakeholder dialogues, negotiations or consultations.

Signed by over 270 Producer Organisations:

AAA Growers Limited - Chui Farm	Asociación de Productores de Bananos Las Mercedes, Inc.	Chebokaptich Farmers Empowerment Project
ACPA ATAISI DE R. L.	Asociación de Productores y Exportadores Agroecológicos	Cooperativa Agropecuaria Regional Nuevo Eden Limitada
Agri-Leone cooperative Society Limited	ASODOCAPRO, INC	Coopérative Ajdig N'targuinine
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Alweda Boerdery	Association Théodore Vanille	Cooperativa Integral de Producción Apicultores de Cuilco.
Amazon Cocoa Farmers Cooperative Society Ltd	Bahria Oasis Developing Farmers' association	COOPERATIVE AGRICOLE AMKA
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Apesika Co-operative Pineapple Growers and Marketing Limited	Batian Flowers Ltd	Cooperative des Producteurs et Préparateurs de Vanille de Mananara COPPVM
AQUILA DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED	Bergendal-Maneberg	COOPERATIVE FANOHANA
Asociación Agrícola Banana Dulce (ASOABADU)	BRFAIR - Asociación de Organizaciones Fairtrade de Brasil (Coodinadora Nacional de Comercio Justo de Brasil)	Coopérative Agricole Femmes De Dadès
Asociación Agrícola Noroestana, ASOANOR	BS ABANGA FAIRTRADE COCONUT ASSOCIATION	Coopérative Agricole IMGOUN
Asociación Barillense de Agricultores ASOBAGRI	Bufumbo organic farmers association	COOPERATIVE MITSINJO
Asociación Civil de Pequeños Productores de Café Manos Campesinas	Bundikakemba Growers Coop Society Ltd	Cooperative Taratra
Asociación de Cacao Cultores Juan Cruz de Guaranal	Café Gourmet Sierra Azul SC	CoopeVictoria R.L
Asociación de Procesos de Café de la Unión (APROCAUN)	Cafés Especiales Corquin S.A.	COPERFAM
Asociación de Productores Agrícolas Abraham Rodríguez (ASOPROAAR)	Cafes Finos Corquin S.A. - CAFICO	COPROCASA (COopérative de PROducteurs de CAcao du SAMbirano)
	Central coffee farmers association	DAVO COOP CA
	Century Cooperative & Credit Society	Dukunde Kawa Cooperative

Egyptian Herbs Growers Society	Kapkiyai Multipurpose Cooperative society Ltd	Phata Sugarcane Outgrowers Cooperative Society Ltd
El Smwwat El Zarqa	Karagwe District Co-operative Union (KDCU) Ltd	Plantation Jean Eglin SA
Farmers development association	KAYONZA GROWERS TEA FACTORY LTD	Pont Bon Dieu Cooperative Produce and Credit Society
FECCEG, Federación Comercializadora de Café Especial de Guatemala	Kibinge Coffee Farmers' Co-operative Society Ltd	PRODECOOP, R.L.
FEDECOCAGUA	kibirigwi fcs	Productores de Café de Motozintla S de S.S.
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Flamingo Horticulture Kenya Ltd	Kookfontein Farms (Pty) Ltd	RAINFOREST FARMLANDS KENYA LTD
Fruits of the Nile Growers Association	Kuapa Kokoo Cooperative Cocoa Farmers and Marketing Union Limited (KKFU)	Randlyn Holdings Limited
Fundación Dominicana de Productores Orgánicos	LAUREN INTERNATIONAL FLOWERS LIMITED	Rooidraai Boerdery Partnership
Gacharage Tea Factory Company Ltd (KTDA)	LILOMA AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE (LAC)	Rose Cooperative Credit Society RUKURIRI TEA FACTORY COMPANY LIMITED.
Golden Tulip Farms Limited	Mabua and Wowaa Cooperative Society Ltd	Sangaa small producers society
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Indigenas de la Sierra Madre de Motozintla San Isidro Labrador S de S.S.	MM&N Farmers (Public) Company Limited	SCOOPS-SOCOPROF
Journeys End Brands (Pty) Ltd	Munafa Cocoa Farmers Cooperative	SIMBI ROSES LTD
KABUNYERIA FCS	MUTINDWA FARMERS CO-OP SOCIETY LTD	Société Coopérative Agricole de N'Drikro Sinfra (COOP-CA CANS)
KADERES PEASANTS DEVELOPMENT PLC	Napier Vineyards (Pty) Ltd	Sukambizi Association Trust
Kagaari North Farmers Co-operative Society	New Gikaru FCS LTD	Syngenta Kenya Cuttings Ltd
Kagera Cooperative Union (1990) Ltd	Offinso Fine Flavour Co-Operative Cocoa Farmers and Marketing Society Limited	Tambuzi Ltd
Kaleya Smallholders Farmers' Association	Phakama Mafucula (Pty) Ltd	Tegloma Cocoa Farmers Cooperative Society
		Tobhar Small Growers Society
		TRANSEBEL LTD

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Unión de Cafetaleros
Orgánicos de Ángel Albino
Corzo (UCOAAC)
VALENTINE GROWERS
COMPANY LIMITED

Valton Cooperative Credit
Society
Van Den Berg Kenya Limited
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Kalani
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