

FINAL RESOLUTION
INTERNATIONAL OILSEED PRODUCERS DIALOGUE (IOPD) XVII
June 30 – July 1, 2014

The undersigned participants of the International Oilseed Producer Dialogue (IOPD) from June 30 to July 1, 2014, in Paris, France, adopt the following declaration:

IOPD members will work together to develop and promote a sound industry business environment that will allow oilseed producers the opportunity for viable and profitable ongoing returns. IOPD members recognize the need to supply the world with increasing quantities of protein and vegetable oil. Toward that end, we support increased research and investment in the agriculture sectors of developing and developed countries.

IOPD members support comprehensive trade liberalization and improved market access in both developed and developing countries. Both producers and consumers can benefit from a growing food and non-food market resulting from progressing liberalization. IOPD members believe successful trade negotiations will maintain profitable income for producers of oilseed and protein crops. IOPD members oppose export tax and differential export tax structures that negatively impact competitiveness and distort production, investment and trade. IOPD members support science-based, globally harmonized Maximum Residue Limits (MRL) that do not restrict trade.

IOPD members support timely, transparent, and science-based review and approval systems for all sustainable technologies, including biotechnology, of all oilseeds, vegetable oils and products. IOPD members strongly support the synchronous approval of new biotechnology events. To avoid trade disruptions, IOPD members encourage governments to implement CODEX approved assessments and Global Low Level Presence Initiative (GLI) recommendations for the low level presence (LLP) of biotechnology events in internationally traded commodities and products, and that reasonable commercial thresholds be established. We urge that when a biotech event has an established history of safe-use, governments should extend the registration for longer periods of time or indefinitely.

IOPD members appreciate the progress achieved in the development of new areas of use for oilseeds -- including biofuels, vegetable oils, and protein products -- and support a sustainable development of environmentally friendly products. IOPD welcomes the contribution of these areas of use and market stabilization for sustainable development.

With regard to Indirect Land Use Change (ILUC) assumptions, there is the need for much improved, robust science and international consensus before ILUC impacts are reflected in any renewable energy regulations. IOPD members recognize that where regulation requires greenhouse gas emissions for fossil and non-fossil feedstocks including wastes to be assessed, calculations must be science based and fully involve representatives of farmers and growers.

IOPD members endorse and support full access to ever-changing technologies that can ensure the cost effective, safe, and sustainable production of all oilseeds. This includes the use of plant breeding technologies, crop treatments and crop protection products, and fertilizers. Adoption of technology should be based on evidence from sound science and be available in all oilseed production countries.

IOPD members are committed to sustainable agriculture production systems on suitable land for producing food, feed and for non-food uses. We believe that environmental assessments should be based on reliable, science-based evidence. IOPD members will actively engage with all the stakeholders in the supply chain, including influencers and consumers, to ensure any sustainable development is science-based, market driven, and implemented through economic price signals.

Sustainable agriculture production systems meet the needs of the present while improving the ability of future generations to meet their own requirements by:

- Increasing productivity while decreasing impacts on the environment.
- Improving access to safe food and feed and the production of fuel that improves air quality and reduces greenhouse gases.
- Improving the social and economic well being of agricultural producers and the global community.

IOPD members commit to develop communication tools to promote IOPD Member efforts to assure sustainable food security for the world. We agree to share these communications among IOPD Members.

IOPD members recognize that some buyers desire or some markets legally require certification of various methods of commodity production. We believe that any certification schemes should be developed by farmers or with substantial farmer involvement in order to ensure that such certifications are relevant and commercially feasible. We encourage buyers to accept schemes that certify substantially equivalent results so that producers are not subjected to multiple certifications.

Asociación Argentina de Consorcios Regionales de Experimentación Agrícola (AACREA) - Argentina
Asociación Argentina de Productores en Siembra Directa (Aapresid) – Argentina
Asociación de Productores de Soja, Oleaginosas y Cereales del Paraguay (APS) - Paraguay
American Soybean Association (ASA) – United States
Australian Oilseeds Federation (AOF) – Australia
Brazilian Soybean Growers Assoc. (APROSOJA) - Brazil
Canadian Canola Growers Assoc. (CCGA) – Canada
Canadian Soybean Council (CSC) – Canada
European Oilseed Alliance (EOA) – European Union
Federation Francaise des Producteurs d’Oleagineux et de Proteagineux (FOP) – France

International Soy Growers Alliance (ISGA) – Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, United States, Uruguay
Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB) - Malaysia
Mesa Tecnológica de Oleaginosos (MTO) - Uruguay
National Farmers Union (NFU) – United Kingdom
Paraguayan Chamber of Traders and Exporters of Cereals and Oilseeds (CAPECO) - Paraguay
Union zur Förderung von Oel- und Proteinpflanzen (UFOP) – Germany
United Soybean Board (USB) – United States
United States Soybean Export Council (USSEC) – United States