

**FINAL RESOLUTION**  
**INTERNATIONAL OILSEED PRODUCERS DIALOGUE (IOPD) XIX**  
**June 20 – June 21, 2016**

The undersigned participants of the International Oilseed Producer Dialogue (IOPD) from June 20 to June 21, 2016, in Berlin, Germany, adopt the following declaration:

**Overall**

IOPD members will work together to develop and promote a sound business environment that will allow oilseed producers and their families to remain viable for current and future generations. We share an awareness of social responsibility and commit to being open and transparent with an aim to encourage and develop trust in order to build confidence in our products and the production processes that benefits customers and consumers. IOPD members recognize the need to supply the world with increasing quantities of protein and vegetable oil in an environmentally sound and sustainable manner to nourish a growing world population. Toward that end, we support increased research and investment in agriculture to the benefit of developing and developed countries.

**Sustainability and Social License to Operate**

IOPD members are committed to sustainable farming systems and continuous advancement in agriculture. In order to produce healthy and affordable food, animal feedstuffs, and bio-based products, we believe that environmental assessments should be based on trusted and 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 meets the shared values and needs of consumers, is science-based, market driven, and implemented through economic price signals.

Sustainable farming 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.

**Innovation for Future Generations**

IOPD members endorse and support full access to ever-changing innovations that can ensure the cost effective, safe, and sustainable production of all oilseeds. This includes the use of all kinds of innovation in plant breeding, crop protection products and fertilizers. The loss of active substances will inhibit our ability to meet the demands for a growing world population and will increase the development of pest resistance. Adoption of technology should be based on evidence from sound science and be available in all oilseed production areas.

**Renewable Energy and Bio-based Products**

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.

## **Trade**

IOPD members support comprehensive trade liberalization and improved global market access. Both producers and consumers can benefit from a growing food and non-food market, resulting from increasing liberalization. We oppose export tax and differential export tax structures that negatively impact competitiveness and distort production, investment and trade. The IOPD supports 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. We strongly support the more synchronous approval of new biotechnology events. To avoid trade disruptions, IOPD members encourage governments to implement CODEX approved assessments and to participate in the Global Low Level Presence Initiative (GLI) towards the development of low level presence (LLP) policies for 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.

## **Certifications**

IOPD members recognize that some buyers may desire or some markets 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.

Asociation Argentina de Productores en Siembra Directa (Aapresid) – Argentina  
American Soybean Association (ASA) – United States  
Australian Oilseeds Federation (AOF) – Australia  
APS Soybean, Oilseeds and Cereals Producers of Paraguay Association (APS) - Paraguay  
Brazilian Soybean Growers Assoc. (APROSOJA) - Brazil  
Canadian Canola Growers Assoc. (CCGA) – Canada  
Soy Canada – Canada  
European Oilseed Alliance (EOA) – European Union  
Federation Francaise des Producteurs d’Oleagineux et de Proteagineux (FOP) – France

International Soy Growers Alliance (ISGA)  
Uruguayan Board of Oilseed Crops (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  
U.S. Canola Association – United States  
United Soybean Board (USB) – United States  
U.S. Soybean Export Council (USSEC) – United States