

## **Declaration on sustainable food, farming and animal welfare**

The parties signed below recognise that global food security and ensuring that all of the world's people are fed sustainably and ethically is one of the greatest challenges facing humanity.

We believe that the key to achieving this relies on food and farming systems that protect animal welfare, rural livelihoods, minimise negative impact on the environment, mitigate climate change, preserve wildlife biodiversity and safeguard public health.

We are seriously concerned that the industrialised model of resource-intensive livestock farming, in particular, is unsustainable and has a detrimental impact on the environment, public health and animal health and welfare.

We urge governments, intergovernmental agencies and the food industry to ensure that future policy, technical and economic support mechanisms and research are geared toward encouraging humane and sustainable farming systems.

Signed:

World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA)  
Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA)  
Partnership for Animals  
The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)  
Humane Society International (HSI)  
Compassion in World Farming  
and the individual members of the World Animal Forum (WAF)

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