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Declaration of the 2nd Organic Districts World Congress

Idanha –a-Nova, Portugal

"ONE HEALTH – ONE PLANET"

We, the participants from 23 countries and areas around the world, have gathered here in Idanha- a-Nova in Portugal for the 2nd Organic Districts World Congress under the theme "ONE HEALTH – ONE PLANET". The 2nd Drylands and Deserts Organic Agriculture Network (DOAN) Summit was also held as part of the events.

For three days we heard messages of greetings, messages of congratulations and keynote speeches, as well as a number of presentations and interactions involving the participants of the Congress. All the messages and presentations reflected on the theme of the Congress – One Health – One Planet including research, development and experiences from Organic Districts in the World.

The presenters acknowledged the diversity in all Organic Districts and which priorities and tasks should be adapted according to the local conditions. We observed the importance of the inclusion and empowerment of youth and women, working for the respect and recognition of our farmers, presenting best practices, making the connection between the urban and rural population and the importance of indigenous people. It was also emphasized sustainable tourism as a contributor to the rural economy with innovations to attract more young people to our rural areas.

We, the participants present here today, would like to put forward the following proposals for the further development of the organic districts around the world.

The proposed priorities and tasks for the next 5 years are the following:

- to encourage the development of new Organic Districts based on the Guidelines, Tool Kit and Monitoring Tools of IN.N.E.R.
- to promote a healthy lifestyle respectful of ecological, social and economic long-term sustainability for "Reclaiming Human Dignity".
- to strengthen knowledge-sharing and cooperation on capacity-building and leadership courses for the stakeholders in the food value chain especially for the younger generation.
- to develop communication tools and advocacy initiatives to promote public procurement for organic food and school meals in the organic districts.
- to facilitate dialogue between the local actors in the food value chain to strengthen business models based on the principles of ecological economy, to ensure fair market access and equal sharing of revenues, enhancing all aspects of sustainability from farm to table.

- to build relations between rural and urban areas to recognize the important role of our farmers not only as food producers but also as the custodians of Health-of humans and of the planet. To this aim, we must also include the active engagement of women in the transformation of the food system.
- To attract the younger generation to engage in activities related to agriculture and the food value chain. We need to acknowledge the needs of the younger generation and provide the necessary incentives and support, social structures, programs etc to ensure their involvement.

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