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As a pastoralist woman from the Chaco ecoregion in South America, I am part of an organisation that is based on the ancestral knowledge of pastoralist livestock family herders. We re-create animal diversity, a food system which provides us with food and a livelihood – we feed and NOURISH ourselves with foods gathered from forests, pasturelands, rivers and, of course, from our livestock. As pastoralists, we exercise our right to food and nutrition thanks to our mobility, which enables us to be self-sustainable across different ecosystems.

Moving ahead: We are committed to addressing this process with a clear vision; "to guarantee NUTRITION for all". To this end, we need to appropriate ourselves of our ancestral knowledge and ensure that it is transmitted from generation to generation, as it is underpins cultures that translate into distinct modes of production, such as agroecological systems, which guarantee nutrition in all its dimensions. Ending hunger is not simply an added value for free trade, nor about causing malnutrition by reducing real food to fun products that catch people's attention, but rather about recognising the value of our traditional diets and guaranteeing their sustainability without interrupting natural production cycles.

In this respect, we welcome this policy convergence and urge all actors to take ownership of this mission: "NUTRITION IS ABOUT CELEBRATING LIFE" and realising the significance of our participation, because we are political subjects who make decisions. This implies that we participate in the whole process and that, above all, we have access to information.

We have to be congruent with our statements and commitments. We view the absence of access to the zero draft as an obstruction to information and therefore appeal for the right to free, prior and informed consent as a means towards the established objectives. We are accountable to our peoples and communicating back to them is essential for prior consultation and for our ability to choose how to exercise our right to food via adequate nutrition.

Participation in a policy convergence space involves debate, which is essential to strengthening the science-policy interface. In order to guarantee our rights, it is necessary to take into account language diversity and therefore provide access to the report in all its dimensions. The lack of translation is also an act of exclusion and is not conducive towards a healthy debate. Discussion and debate rest on an exchange of information: We are interested in what you think, in what your experience of reality is. We too want to be able to assess the work carried out by the HLPE. It is only through exchange that we can ensure consensus and avoid making the same mistakes from the past, as was the so-called "green revolution", which – with no prior dialogue or consultation – has done away with our territories' biodiversity and led to an increase in poverty and malnutrition in our region.

We are what we eat; our food is our medicine. When we eat food, we set off a process of chemical, physical and emotional transformation – of nourishment. And yet, we are synthesizing the essential elements of life by imposing a magic bullet that violates territories, pushes traditional food systems to the brink of extinction, and generates never-ending problems. Let us return to the origin and let us redefine the meaning of food.