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*The world business organization*

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Thank you Chairman. I am speaking on behalf of the International Chamber of Commerce and its associated industry federations and companies.

- o Business welcomes progress achieved in implementing the Ecosystem Approach. We fully support the Approach and, as part of our core business activities, are promoting strategies for sustainable agro-ecosystem management such as Integrated Crop Management – a holistic and balanced approach for integrated agro-ecosystem management. These strategies are in line with the principles and objectives of the Approach.
- o In the context of the ecosystem approach we would like to highlight industry's ongoing key role in the development of resource sparing technologies that allow to further integrate biodiversity conservation into agricultural production
- o Business and industry supports the provision of frameworks and capacity building activities that promote the ecosystems approach and call upon parties to further facilitate meaningful participation of the private sector in its implementation in the context of the Agricultural Work Programme. Our expertise and experience can make a valuable contribution in the further development of strategies for sustainable agro-ecosystem management.
- o On that note, I would also like to highlight that CropLife International, representing the plant science industry, has substantive capacity building activities, which are ongoing since 1991. CropLife's activities are run in over 80 countries and have to date reached about 5 million beneficiaries. All of these capacity building activities are done in cooperation with local stakeholders such as national governments, extension services, NGOs and donor organizations.
- o One size fits all solutions don't fit local site specific needs to implement the agro-ecosystem approach. Adapting technologies and capacity building efforts together are core to putting the approach into practice.