

Sweden/Sverige

COMMITTEE OF ENVIRONMENT

An eco-farming revolution

From the Kingdom of Sweden we want to express our support for the cause called “eco-farming revolution”, and as a direct consequence, strongly opposing all the countries that don’t respect, with their agricultural exploit model, the environment. Anyone having a little information about the situation nowadays involving soil, climate change and pollution, knows it is a real issue. Our country is willing to provide as much help as we can in order to get this “revolution” as far as the world can take it.

Unfortunately, the most expanded agricultural model in the world is the Industrial agriculture model, which overuses pesticides, genetically modified crops and chemicals products in order to establish a Monoculture. This method develops an ultra-competitive agriculture model with mostly, money-earning objectives. From our country, we think that this agricultural model is now outdated (the Monoculture model was originally created after World War II), during his original times it was seen as an innovating and technological model, and all its negative effects were unseen.

This explanation of what is the most used model in the world we live is necessary to understand why we need a change and why we support this change in Sweden and want it to be applied all over the globe in the long-term. This agricultural model is called ecological farming and Agroecology, which is a model far more respectful, not only for the environment, but also with human beings who are being affected by Industrial Agriculture too. The goal is the reduce and eventually eliminate all the chemicals and pesticides from the agriculture.

There have been three major UN conventions regarding the pesticides and chemicals use on agriculture as well as about the waste produced by those. These conventions were: Basel Convention in 1989, Rotterdam Convention in 1998 and Stockholm Convention in 2001, none of which were signed nor ratified by major agricultural powers such as the United States of America, that heavily uses industrial agriculture model. From our part, Sweden, we have signed and ratified all the previously mentioned conventions respecting the environment. We have some other treaties as well, conventions or organisations regarding the caring of food and agriculture such as the FAO (Food and Agriculture Organisation) and its Codex Alimentarius, the CAP (Common Agricultural Policy) as well as all the United Nations Climate Change Conference done so far. These conventions, treaties and organisations haven’t stopped the Industrial agriculture that has done and is still doing significant amounts of damage to our society yet.

Sweden, with the help of all countries willing to, wants to make the ecological farming, or Agroecology a real power and serve the only use agriculture and food should have: feed people and not be a tool for big corporations’ profit.

We believe that exporting this agricultural model to developed countries, underdeveloped countries and countries in ways of development, could really make a change in the ecosystem as well as making the goal of feeding the planet easier and closer to us. Sweden, hopefully with the help of other member states, asks for this, the end of the obsolete model, monoculture and industrial agriculture, and to introduce in our world the most respectful and durable model, Eco-farming.