

Demands formulated at the Final Plenary of Planet Diversity, 15 May 2008

1. We demand a global moratorium on agro-fuels and on the use of genetically engineered plants and animals in agriculture.
2. Food sovereignty for all communities, regions and countries of the South and North is the basis for fair, safe and sustainable food production. Neither the World Trade Organization, nor bilateral agreements, nor the power of transnational trade agricultural and seed companies must stand in the way.
3. No patents on life! The diversity of life cannot be private property.
4. Farms have the basic right to save, share, replant, develop and sell their seeds. Neither seed companies nor national or international prohibitory agreements can take these fundamental rights away.
5. Stop speculation with food and the land that bears it!
6. Economic diversity in food and agricultural production requires the dismantling and decartelization of global and national seed and agro-business monopolies.
7. Women are the keepers of diversity and the backbone of agriculture. They deserve at least equal rights.
8. Agricultural research and development should be conducted in participation with and for the needs of farmers. It should take into account the full range of knowledge and traditions and be based on respect for all creatures.
9. Diversity instead of monocultures – local, diverse, GMO-free.