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Respected Mr Singh,

Please support the retention of paragraph 97 in the zero draft of the outcome document for Rio+20

Greetings from CUTS!

Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS) is a member of Consumers International, the international federation of consumer organisations with more than 220 members in 115 countries around the world. As a member of CI, we are calling on world leaders to attend the Rio +20 Summit on Sustainable Development taking place in Brazil in 20 -22 June and use this unique opportunity to promote international agreements that will support a more sustainable future for people around the world.

Consumers International believes the rights and responsibilities of consumers can and must play a pivotal role in making this leap to a more sustainable future. What and how we consume must be a cornerstone of the transition to a green economy that puts human wellbeing and social equity at its heart, while progressively reducing our individual and collective impact on the environment.

Therefore we are calling on all governments attending the Rio+20 summit (as well as the UNEP 12th Special Session of the Governing Council) to give their support to measures that promote a change towards more sustainable patterns of consumption, in particular:

1. To commit to the full implementation of section G of the UN guidelines for consumer protection.
2. To establish a 10-Year Framework of Programmes on sustainable consumption and production (SCP) as part of a global pact on sustainable consumption and production, based on the text elaborated in the negotiations in the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development at its nineteenth session.

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