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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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Paragraph 97 of The Future We Want – the Zero draft of the outcome document for Rio + 20 already states agreement on the implementation of a 10-Year Framework of Programmes on sustainable consumption and production (SCP). We ask you to call for this paragraph to be retained in its entirety.

We hope you can make these commitments part of your programme for Rio + 20.

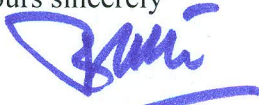
We believe these measures are needed to support effective consumer action that is still limited by sparse or misleading product and service information, a lack of effective and clear regulation and a lack of meaningful choice. Too often, consumers who seek to promote sustainable consumption find themselves lost and confused in the face of underdeveloped, scarce and inconsistent standards. Many consumers feel that the actions available to them are also insignificant in the context of government and business inaction.

For a copy of Consumers International's full position towards Rio + 20 please go to:
<http://bit.ly/rUZZil>

We look forward to your response and would welcome the opportunity to discuss these issues further.

with warm regards

Yours sincerely



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