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## 2010 Joint Statement of the European Soy Customer Group

The *European Soy Customer Group* (AHOLD, ASDA, Carrefour, Co-operative, Kraft, Marks & Spencer, McDonald's, Nutreco, Ritter-Sport, Sainsbury's, Waitrose and Wal-Mart Brazil) applauds another year of positive progress of the GTS (Soy Working Group).

In particular, we would like to acknowledge the further improvement of the mapping and monitoring system, now supported by the involvement of National Institute of Space Research (INPE) in Brazil.

We see the moratorium as a powerful and essential tool to enable all of us to achieve our ultimate goal of sustainable sourcing. We encourage other companies and other sectors to engage in similar efforts to ensure that the Amazon is not cleared for the production of any commodities.

We renew our commitment to remaining actively engaged. We all agree that the process needs to continue and some key challenges need to be addressed.

We understand the registration of farms in the Amazon biome is a crucial element of the process. It will enable monitoring and auditing to continue to be more effective, helping to ensure that soy production does not drive deforestation in the Amazon.

We feel confident that GTS will continue to address the necessary challenges ahead to strengthen the moratorium – a key tool in protecting the Amazon.

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