GSP PARTNERSHIP COMMITMENT

I _____________________________ 1 on behalf of _____________________________ 2 commit to participate in the Global Soil Partnership (GSP).

The mandate of the GSP is to improve governance of the limited soil resources of the planet in order to guarantee healthy and productive soils for a food secure world, as well as support other essential ecosystem services, in accordance with the sovereign right of each State over its natural resources. The GSP also develops awareness and contributes to the development of capacities, builds on best available science, and facilitates/contributes to the exchange of knowledge and technologies among stakeholders for the sustainable management and use of soil resources.

_____________________________ 3 is also committed to improving healthy and productive soils for a food secure world, as well as support other essential ecosystem services.

I understand that the Global Soil Partnership is based on the principles of equity and balance of constituencies and that the GSP relies on the spirit of mutual trust and open dialogue as well as on collaboration among multiple stakeholders for the achievement of its goals. I will commit to this spirit and shared values in any communication about the GSP. I am aware that there is no minimum required contribution to join the GSP. I acknowledge that Participants must respect the governance rules that the GSP Partnership has established or may establish in the future through its Steering Committee. Each Participant will enjoy the same rights and exposure, regardless of the amount of contribution. I understand that Participants will enjoy the following benefits:

• Attendance at meetings of all Participants;
• Eligibility to be a member of the Steering Committee;
• Ability to propose experts to technical groups set up under the GSP Partnership;
• Opportunity to have name, logo and a link to their website in the Partnership’s webpage;
• Access to the Partnership’s Core Work Program outputs.

By signing this letter, I also confirm that I have read, understood and agreed with the General Conditions included in Annex 1.

Signature: _____________________________
Title: _____________________________ Date: _____________________________
Email: _____________________________ Website: _____________________________

1 Include name and surname
2 Include name of organization
3 Include name of organization
ANNEX 1: GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. The Participants agree not to use in any press release, memo, report or other published disclosure related to the Global Soil Partnership any of the other parties' name and logo without prior written agreement by the party concerned.

2. Intellectual property rights, in particular copyright of material to be used to carry out the activities under the Global Soil Partnership shall remain with the originating party unless separately negotiated and agreed.

3. Nothing in the Global Soil Partnership or in any document or arrangement relating thereto, shall be construed as constituting a waiver of privileges or immunities of FAO, nor as conferring any privileges or immunities of FAO to the other party or to its personnel.

4. Being a Participant to the Global Soil Partnership does not constitute a formal partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) or allow me to represent the Organization under any circumstance. Neither does it imply that [name of organization] may claim to have an advantage position to influence the decisions to be taken in the framework of the Global Soil Partnership work.

5. Neither FAO nor any employee, subcontractor, agent or assignee of FAO shall be liable for any direct, indirect, incidental, special, or consequential damages of any kind whatsoever (including, without limitation, attorneys’ fees and lost profits or savings) in any way due to, resulting from, or arising in connection with the participation in the Global Soil Partnership.

6. Any agreement and any document or arrangement relating to the Global Soil Partnership shall be governed by general principles of law to the exclusion of any single national system of law.

7. Any dispute between any of the Parties arising out of the interpretation or execution of the Global Soil Partnership shall be settled by negotiations and mutual agreement. If the parties are unable to reach an agreement on any question in the dispute or on a mode of settlement other than arbitration, either party shall have the right to request arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration Rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) as at present in force.

FAO and ________________________________ agree to be bound by any arbitration award rendered in accordance with this article.