**PepsiCo re Oxfam’s Behind the Brands ranking of food companies on social & environmental issues**

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Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited PepsiCo to respond to the following items:

* “How do your favourite foods rank now? Latest Behind the Brands scores revealed”, Oxfam, 31 Mar 2015, <http://policy-practice.oxfam.org.uk/blog/2015/03/how-do-your-favourite-foods-rank-now>
* “Unilever takes top spot on Oxfam’s Behind the Brands Scorecard Big food companies improve policies but need implementation”, Oxfam, 31 Mar 2015, <https://www.oxfam.org/en/pressroom/pressreleases/2015-03-31/unilever-takes-top-spot-oxfams-behind-brands-scorecard>
* “Walking the Talk: Food and beverage companies slowly start turning policy into practice in Oxfam’s Behind the Brands campaign”, Oxfam, 31 Mar 2015, <http://policy-practice.oxfam.org.uk/publications/walking-the-talk-food-and-beverage-companies-slowly-start-turning-policy-into-p-347104>

In addition, we also invited the company to provide information on steps they are taking to help vulnerable people in their supply chains adapt to the impacts of climate change.

PepsiCo sent us the following response:

“PepsiCo believes acting ethically and responsibly is not only the right thing to do, but also the right thing for our business.  We created a Global Supplier Code of Conduct, which clarifies our global expectations in the areas of business integrity, labor practices, associate health and safety and environmental management.  To further enhance the Supplier Code of Conduct, PepsiCo continues to implement more rigorous processes around accountability, engagement, risk assessment and mitigation. In addition, we have a number of programs and interconnected, complementary policies that were developed to holistically address the potential issues and challenges in agriculture production and supply chain. For instance we have adopted policies on land use, forestry and sustainable agriculture, as well as a commitment to source only sustainable palm oil.

Addressing the issue of climate change is critical to our future. As climate change brings about unexpected and more extreme weather events, which stress businesses and communities around the world, we must move forward.   We believe everyone needs to take action – companies, government, consumers.

PepsiCo, like many leading businesses, has already taken actions to ensure both our operations and supply chain are acting responsibly. We’re increasing our energy efficiency through new technologies and processes, which translates to real cost savings. We are reducing our water consumption, which helps us manage our risk. PepsiCo is working with farmers to make agricultural practices more sustainable, which leads to increased yields, more resilient supply of raw materials and more economically stable farmers.

We recognize this is a journey and so we continue to expand or enhance our policies and commitments over time as science evolves, supply chains mature and tools, practices and processes improve.  And we remain engaged with our partners and stakeholders to inform and advance our efforts.

For more information about PepsiCo’s policy: <http://www.pepsico.com/Purpose/Performance-with-Purpose/Policies>”