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Statement

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On behalf of

African Union Commission and NEPAD Agency

delivered on the occasion of

the High-level Business Meeting on Post-CAADP Compact of the United  
Republic of Tanzania

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Excellencies, Vice President

Honourable Ministers

Your Excellencies Ambassadors and Diplomatic Cops

Invited Delegates from within and outside Africa

Delegates from the different local governments

## Distinguished Agricultural Stakeholders

Ladies and Gentlemen

I bring greetings from H.E. Mrs. Tumusiime Rhoda Peace, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture of the African union Commission and H.E. Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki, CEO of NEPAD Agency.

On behalf of the AU Commission and NEPAD Agency, I would like to, congratulate the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania under the able leadership of His Excellency President, Jakaya Kikwete for a conducive political and economic environment and, among other things, for the presiding over a promising agricultural sector.

The African Union Commission and the NPCA appreciate the process that led to the signing of Tanzania's CAADP Compact (which was presided over by the President himself), and the formulation of Tanzania Agriculture and Food Security Investment Plan (TAFSIP).

In July last year, when Tanzania signed the CAADP Compact here in Dar es Salaam, His Excellency the President himself assured the distinguished delegates that the Tanzania Government was committed to implementing the CAADP agenda and aligning it with its agriculture policies and

strategies. Today we stand here to witness this commitment by the government and all the people of United Republic of Tanzania.

We have noticed that the formulation of the TAFSIP was clearly developed in line with principles and targets that are outlined in the CAADP Compact and was transparent and therefore aligned to the CAADP vision, values and principles. As we will be hearing from the Independent Technical Review, (which we are proudly to have lead), the TAFSIP, is well aligned to the both Mkukuta II and Mkuza II both directly linked to Visions 2020 and 2025 for both the Mainland and Zanzibar respectively, which are all well aligned to the CAADP framework.

We have been briefed that the country team has already integrated the outcomes of the review in the TAFSIP. This is commendable.

I would like to thank both the Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar and stakeholders including donors for supporting and embracing the Independent Technical Review of the TAFSIP and also sharing the outcomes.

The African Union Commission and the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency appreciate the efforts that Development Partners have put in this process especially the commitments to align, harmonise and coordinate development aid for the better Tanzania's Agriculture. We are grateful for

financial and other commitments that have been made already and those that will be commit tomorrow and in the near future.

We urge for a stronger and faster implementation of the Roadmap that you developed during this review.

The African Union Commission and the NEPAD Agency associated institutions will seek for stronger commitment in the implementation of the TAFSIP with clear systems for measuring results for impact such that we do not lose the direction provided and guided by your Vision. Attaining your Vision, Growth and Transformation objectives with clear contributions and well attributed actions from agriculture is what will define the value added by CAADP. A significant reduction or elimination of hunger and malnutrition, a rise in jobs and incomes of farming and non-farming households and a transformed economy through agriculture is what will define our added value in Tanzania's efforts. This is a fundamental reason we are part of this process and we remain committed to working closely with you in this pursuit.

We continue to pledge our commitment to strengthen efforts in delivering needed support derived from our mandates.

We will continue to coordinate continental policy harmonisation efforts, create partnerships, advocacy and lobby and mobilise resources for supporting the implementation of the plans, programmes and projects.

We will strengthen our efforts in ensuring a harmonised policy environment, coordinate efforts and strengthen capacities at all levels for all this to happen.

We will work with you to strengthen coordination at every level. We are now embarking on the process of bringing relevant partners from every sector together to discuss country's plan, and then devise a way of executing it effectively, efficiently and without unnecessary delays. This is the fundamental reason we are meeting today together with our strategic development partners.

I must say we are encouraged by the featuring of Tanzania among the champion countries in the accelerated implementation of CAADP and pursuit of the vision of a food-secure Africa. Specifically, the efforts, resources and partnerships established around the SAGCOT are of our serious appreciation. This trend of commitment is true to the message that H.E President Kikwete delivered at the signing of the Compact last year. With our support, we look forward to, putting in place coordination and accountability systems that will guarantee the delivery of TAFSIP objectives

I thank you.