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## **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

**BY**

**HER EXCELLENCY TUMUSIIME RHODA PEACE**

**COMMISSIONER FOR RURAL ECONOMY AND AGRICULTURE**

**ON THE OCCASION OF THE MEETING OF CAHOSCC HELD IN  
DOHA, QATAR ON THE MARGINS OF COP18/CMP8**

**3 DECEMBER 2012**

Your Excellences,

I have the honour to address you on behalf of the Commission of the African Union Commission. Her Excellency Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma had planned to attend this important meeting but was constrained by other official exigencies and requested me to represent her and convey to you her warm greetings and best wishes as well as the continued commitment of the Commission to service and back up Your Excellences' efforts and those of the entire African unified structure of negotiations.

We are encouraged by the leadership and guidance provided by CAHOSSC and AMCEN with the support of our able African Group of Negotiators. And, at this juncture, I wish to pay glowing tribute to the late Ato Meles Zenawi, former Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia who able steered the CAHOSSC. I wish to seize this opportunity to recognize and congratulate H.E Haile Mariam Dessalegn, the new Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and wish him blessings for success in his tenure.

Excellences, we look forward to you collectively continuing the spirit of cooperation, coordination and cohesion around the African common position to promote and protect African interests.

Let me conclude by reaffirming the commitment of the African Union Commission to continue working with other Pan African Institutions and our development partners in implementing the decisions you're your Excellences take.

Thank you.