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Republic of Tanzania

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Your Excellency, The President of the United Democratic Republic of
Tanzania.

Your Excellency the Vice President

The Right Hon. Prime Minister

Honourable Ministers

Your Excellencies Ambassadors and Diplomatic Corps

Invited Delegates from within and outside Africa

Delegates from the different local governments

Distinguished Agricultural Stakeholders

Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the African Union Commission, I would like to, join those and congratulate the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania whose, Your Excellency's able leadership and providing to a conducive political and economic environment and, among other things, for the presiding over a promising agricultural sector.

The African Union Commission appreciates the process that led to the signing of Tanzania's CAADP Compact which you presided over yourself, and the formulation of Tanzania Agriculture and Food Security Investment Plan (TAFSIP).

Yesterday, we were presented by the impressive progress that has been made since the signing of the compact. Developing the Tanzania Agriculture and Food Security Investment Plan and its subsequent review was all done in a record time. This also came along with a wider

stakeholder involvement and participation. We would like to congratulate your team.

In the last two days, your Government also hosted a Grow Africa Event, (organised by the Africa Union and World Economic Forum) where the heads of global private sector companies were exposed to agricultural investment opportunities in about 7 countries. The SAGCOT was being implored by many as an example of where credible partnerships can be created and delivered.

The African Union 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 proud of financial and other commitments that have been made already and those that will be committed in the near future.

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

The African Union and the 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.

From the African Union perspective, we continue to pledge our commitment to strengthen our efforts in delivering our needed support derived from our mandate and directed by you the Member States through our Heads of State and Government.

We will continue to coordinate continental policy harmonisation efforts, create partnerships, 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 continental level for all this to happen.

We will guide and coordinate the refinement of these plans and implementation mechanisms. Our work will not end here with supporting the clarifying sector visions and plans for agriculture development; we will further continue to support you during implementation as you seek for results and impact.

We will work with you to strengthen coordination at every level. Our partners are increasingly committing and pledging resources, based on mutual accountability and results in line with mutually agreed plans in the framework of CAADP.

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 Your Excellency 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 for listening to me.