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**REMARKS BY H.E. MRS RHODA PEACE TUMUSIIME
COMMISSIONER OF RURAL ECONOMY AND AGRICULTURE
AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION**

**ON THE OCCASION OF THE SIGNING CEREMONY OF THE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

BETWEEN

THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION (AUC)

AND

**THE ALLIANCE FOR A GREEN REVOLUTION IN AGRICULTURE
(AGRA)**

MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE

5th SEPTEMBER, 2013

The Vice Chair of AGRA, Mr Strive Masiyiwa
The President of AGRA, Ms Jane Karuku
Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen

1. Our signing of this MoU places us in better position to move together in 2014 The AU Year of Agriculture and Food Security that will also coinciding with the commemoration of 10 years of CAADP.
2. This will be the opportunity to African leaders and peoples as well as our partners to recommit to deliver on the CAADP agenda aiming at agricultural transformation through sustaining the CAADP Momentum.
3. Therefore, the present Memorandum of Understanding between the African Union Commission and the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa that we are signing, aims at supporting enhanced implementation of CAADP at national, regional, and continental levels, and is timely and appropriate to the current challenges and aspirations.
4. Indeed, this partnership will help accelerating agricultural transformation and the pace of implementation of the CAADP

National Agriculture Investment Plans at national and regional levels on the Continent, in particular improving smallholder agricultural productivity through: improved land, soil and water management; use of improved seed and complementary inputs such as fertilizer.

I appreciate that this MoU is a product of our enhanced engagement following AGRA President's visit with her delegation to Addis Ababa early this year to meet us at the African Union where we agreed that the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa will collaborate with the African Union Commission to ensure delivery of results and impact in AU Member States particularly in the fields of agriculture, food security as well as environment and natural resources. I am, therefore, glad that this has also been captured in our Memorandum.

By signing this MoU, we are reaffirming the fact that the application of the policy and political guidance with implementation so that we move in coordination, building synergies and complementarities. I wish to reaffirm the commitment of the African Union Commission to follow through on its commitments.

Thank you.