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TUNIS MINISTERIAL DECLARATION

We, Ministers and Heads of Delegations, assembled in Tunis at the 28th FAO Regional Conference for Africa,

Recalling the July 2003 Maputo Declaration, which adopted the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) as the reference framework for public agricultural policies and food security challenges in Africa,

Convinced that Africa, given the recent high levels of economic growth in many countries, has unique opportunities to revitalize initiatives toward agriculture and food systems with specific support and focus on opportunities for youth,

Considering the important role of youth in rural development for food and nutrition security,

Concerned that twenty five percent of the population of Africa is still malnourished,

Noting with satisfaction the efforts of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to finalize its new strategic framework and country programming frameworks, to enhance its response to Member priorities,

Welcoming and supporting the implementation of the following three regional initiatives: 1) Renewed Partnership for a Unified Approach to End Hunger in Africa by 2025 under the Framework of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme; 2) Sustainable production intensification and commercialization through integrated management of agricultural landscapes, and 3) Building Resilience in Drylands of Africa,

Recognizing the positive effect of the reforms that FAO put in place during the last biennium,

Supporting the new strategic direction of the organization and underlining the necessity for continuity to achieve the full impact of these changes,

Commending FAO for the progress realized in establishing the Africa Solidarity Trust Fund,

Recalling the momentum created by the African Union 2014 Year of Agriculture and Food Security that coincides with the United Nations International Year of Family Farming, and underscoring the important role played by family farm in agricultural production and natural resources management,

Acknowledging the Decision of the African Union Summit of January 2014 on the High-Level Meeting on Renewed Partnership for a Unified Approach to End Hunger in Africa by 2025 under the Framework of the Comprehensive African Agricultural Development Programme, and

Agree to take forward the Decision as a recommendation of the 28th Africa Regional Conference to the African Union Summit in Malabo, in July 2014,

Reaffirm the importance of partnership with civil society and private sector to achieve common goals for Africa,

Congratulate the Republic of Equatorial Guinea and the Republic of Angola for their contributions to the African Solidarity Trust Fund, and encourage other countries to contribute as well,

Encourage and support the Director-General to pursue his efforts for a sustainable implementation of his vision,

Reaffirm our commitment to work closely with FAO towards the achievement of our common goals and objectives in the Africa Region.

Tunis, 28 March 2014