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**Speech of the Hon. José Condugua António
Pacheco, Minister of Agriculture and Food
Security of the Republic of Mozambique at
the 39th Session of the Conference da FAO**

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1. It is incumbent upon me His Excellency Filipe Jacinto Nyusi , President of the Republic of Mozambique to express great honour and satisfaction with the participation in this 39th FAO Conference and thank you for all the hospitality waived my delegation .

2. We want to welcome and congratulate Mr. José Graziano da Silva for their availability to continue to lead the fight against hunger in the world and for his re-election as Director General of FAO. This re-election testifies to the trust itself deposited which results from achieved tangible results in the fight to eradicate hunger in the world where the FAO has played a leading role in this process.

3. I would Also like to express my gratitude to FAO for the support and facilitation provided to Mozambique in the preparation and implementation of various strategic instruments, such as, the Master plan for agricultural statistics, the project on food security and resilience of vulnerable households, the project of the removal of obsolete pesticides and empty containers , and the project of disease control of small ruminants and the project to mitigate the effects of the “Panama disease” in bananas plantations.

4. This Conference comes at a special moment for the world and for my country in particular. It is with satisfaction we that warmly welcome the distinction that was attributed to the people and Government of Mozambique with the progress made in reduction of people with hunger and malnutrition, in line with the commitments expressed in the Millennium Development Goals.

5. The report on the overall situation of Agriculture and Food presented here is highly instructive about the challenges that the world still regards to the elimination of hunger , poverty and vulnerability in most countries .

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6. The realization of this conference continues to be a solid foundation for the United Nations' Country Members and States to reaffirm our commitments towards eradications of hunger and poverty as well to envisage the post 2015 sustainable development agenda, with the vision to improve agricultural production, productivity and food sovereignty in the future world.

7. In the new cycle of Mozambique governance, based on the Five-Year Government Programme, is reflected a commitment a commitment that agriculture, focusing on food production , will continue to be an essential pillar for human development , sustainable economic and social of our country, whose bet relies on increasing competitiveness , productivity and employment, infrastructure development and the sustainable use of natural resources and the environment catalysed by the generation and transfer of agricultural technologies , creating the conditions for market access and information , the promotion of sustainable management of resources , the establishment of smart partnerships and dialogue between the various players in the production and value chain.

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Mozambique emphasized that will continue to be as one of the world's countries maintaining the economic and social growth rates for for the welfare of all the citizen and Not being only measured by macroeconomic indicators , because there are Mozambican citizens in rural, peri- urban and urban living in conditions of poverty.

9. His Excellency Filipe Jacinto Nyusi is committed in “Driving a nation guided by values of efficiency, competence, practicality , pragmatism and humilit, a government that takes the woman and the man as the center of its intervention. A government committed to gender equity and respect and appreciation of children (...) . He will Promote increased public and private investments in agriculture, livestock and fisheries. More attention will be given to family sector, which holds the majority of the Mozambican population. He will continue with incentive policies to small farmers that raise the production and agricultural productivity.

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11. Indeed, with regard to investment for the production of non-food goods, we want at least 10% of the total area required by commercial operators is intended for the production of food and 30% for direct participation of the local community through production.
12. On the other hand, in the case of projects facing the food production, at least 40 % of the area required must be used for food production, under the contract production basis.
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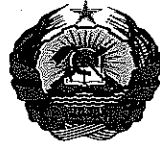
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