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Excellencies, dear colleagues,

Allow me at the outset to express our deep appreciation to USG
- level policy

increasing food commodity prices, narrowing fiscal space, and moreover increased protectionism.

In this regard, I would like to share with you a few numbers:

1. More than 60 percent of the population in Africa are smallholder farmers.
2. About .
3. 43

countries to achieve sustainable agricultural production is needed now more than ever.

3- Thirdly: investments in the agricultural sector should be a priority. For instance, for the past years, Egypt has promoted a decisive policy to increase its national production and reduce its food dependence through land reclamation projects with a total area of 625 thousand hectares, and through investments such as the establishment of 21 fisheries in the Mediterranean and Red seas and the promotion of livestock production projects.

4- Fourth: we need to strengthen our joint efforts to implement our continental programs in connection to agriculture and nutrition.

The Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme should be the corner stone of our endeavors in this regard.

Moreover, the CFTA presents an excellent opportunity of growing intra-African trade, which will

resources, particularly its uncultivated arable land, which represent

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5- Fifth: we need to build resilience and adaptive capabilities to future shocks in relation to climate change. We support the continuous calls by the Secretary General to allocate 50 % of climate financing to adaptation. Egypt as COP-27 president, will work together with all parties on the realization of the comprehensive two year Glasgow Sharm El-Sheikh work programme on the global goal on adaptation.

In conclusion, I would like to once more reaffirm the utmost importance to address the current food security challenges in Africa in a comprehensive and holistic approach that combines both immediate actions to alleviate the immediate crisis, while also addressing the root causes

