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TRANSITION FROM SUBSISTENCE TO MARKET AGRICULTURE

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The Economic Commission for Africa,

Noting the continued predominance of subsistence production in the agricultural sector in Africa and the low levels of productivity in this sector,

Recognizing the urgent need to raise the production of food and raw materials in Africa to meet the needs of the growing population, notably of the growing urban centres, to improve the nutrition of the rural population and reduce dependence on imported foodstuffs,

1. Notes with approval the proposal of the Executive Secretary to intensify the work of the secretariat relevant to the transition from subsistence to market agriculture;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary to collaborate with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and other appropriate agencies in analyzing the economic and technical factors involved in the modernization of agriculture and in exploring policy measures which governments may use to promote and regulate the development of agriculture to meet the growing and changing demands of the African economy;

3. Urges all governments of States members of the Commission and those governments and agencies providing aid to the region to give favourable consideration to projects and measures leading to accelerating the transition from subsistence to market agriculture through raising productivity levels in the agricultural sector and through improving the necessary institutional requisites particularly in the fields of marketing, credit and agricultural extension.