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Joint Statement on Private Investment within ProSAVANA

ProSAVANA is a Programme established in 2009 implemented by the Government of Mozambique, under the framework of the Triangular Cooperation, with support of the Governments of Japan and Brazil. ProSAVANA is composed of three technical cooperation projects, namely the Project for Improving Research and Technology Transfer Capacity for Nacala Corridor Agriculture Development (ProSAVANA-PI), the Project for Support of Agriculture Development Master Plan for the Nacala Corridor in Mozambique (ProSAVANA-PD) and the Project for Establishment of Development Model at Communities' Level under Nacala Corridor Agricultural Development (ProSAVANA-PEM).

ProSAVANA is aligned with the pillars of the Strategic Plan for the Development of Agriculture Sector (PEDSA) in terms of boosting agriculture production and productivity, promotion of food and nutritional security, sustainable use of natural resources, institutional strengthening, and promotion of market access for the agricultural products.

The Nacala Corridor, together with the other five development corridors in the country, is an important region for the agriculture development in Mozambique.

Due to its quite considerable potential for the development of agriculture, which can contribute significantly for the promotion of food security and nutrition of the Mozambican population, there has been a progressive increase of investments in that region.

Along the survey process for preparation of ProSAVANA, it was recognized that the Government of Mozambique has a considerable range of legislation on land use rights, environment and use of natural resources, social sustainability, food security and private investment compliance.

Considering the existent legal framework, it is also recognized that further support is needed to strengthen the Mozambican Government's capacity in terms of regulation and guidance for appropriate agricultural investment, especially for the implementation of the Guidelines for Responsible Agriculture Investment, land registration and protection of small-scale farmers' rights.

The Programme aims to promote agricultural, rural and regional development. It is also relevant to clarify that no private investment requiring land acquisition for agricultural production is being promoted or supported under the framework of ProSAVANA. The Government of Mozambique will coordinate the discussion on recommendations for promotion of private investments for agriculture production after substantial progress has been duly made with regard to the above-mentioned measures, aiming at regulating and guiding agriculture investments.

The Governments involved in this Triangular Cooperation considers that any initiative in the framework of ProSAVANA should have as the main objective the support for Mozambican farmers of small and medium size, aiming at improving their livelihood and increasing their production and productivity, contributing for food and nutritional security of the Mozambican population.

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