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## **HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT NICHOLAS SARKOZY**

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I am happy to inform this Press Conference on the outcomes of the Africa-France Summit. This summit has been successful and has opened up new windows of opportunities for greater cooperation between France and Africa.

The summit devoted a considerable amount of time reviewing how together we can resolve issues of global governance, peace and security, and climate and development.

The summit underscored the need to consolidate democratic governance, rule of law and human rights. Our governments have committed to ensure that people are free to pursue economic and business ventures free from hindrance and that ordinary people, especially the poor in urban and rural areas, have access to basic needs such as food, shelter, clothing and primary health care. We are committed to ensure rapid growth of our economies in order to achieve this.

On peace and security, we have resolved that we need to create all opportunities available to ensure lasting peace in many parts of the continent. We must emerge from the past and move on to create new opportunities for lasting peace and harmony. Although peace and security remain a

challenge, Africa will continue to make progress in finding lasting solutions to various conflict situations.

The summit has devised strong and feasible partnerships in order to build peace and security to deal with conflicts in Africa. Developed partners will assist in providing urgent technical assistance to conflict areas.

As you all know, Climate change is a global issue and constitutes a major challenge to Africa's agricultural development and food security. We have committed ourselves to ensure that there is need for enhanced collaboration between Africa and the international institutes to mitigate against natural disasters through integration of early warning mechanisms.

We have agreed that Africa must revolutionize its agricultural policies and strategies to avert the adverse impacts of climate change. Africa has committed itself to be the bread basket of the world, and that in the next five years no child in Africa should die of hunger or malnutrition or go to bed on an empty stomach.

In Malawi we are developing and investing on the Greenbelt Initiative, through which agricultural production will take place across the country.

A concerted approach and cooperation on combating climate change will lead to a path of sustainable development for globally.

As Chairman of the African Union, I am fully committed to work with President Sarkozy of France to ensure the strengthening of the France-Africa relations at all levels. I

am also fully committed to work together in attaining a new global order that will be mutually beneficial to both developed and developing nations.

Thank you.