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TUNISIA

The principal objectives of Tunisia's agricultural policy are, in brief:

- to increase agricultural production so as to ensure self-sufficiency in foodstuffs;
- to develop exports of agricultural products;
- to ensure a steady and decent income for farmers and remunerative employment for young people in order to slow down the rural exodus.

In order to attain these objectives, action has been taken in the following directions:

- to combat deterioration of land by means of afforestation and water conservation measures;
- to strengthen and improve the training of executive personnel engaged in research and information activities;
- to intervene in order to remedy excessive splitting-up of rural property;
- to ease the procedures for obtaining medium and long-term credit;
- to institute a system of supervised credits for short-term loans;
- to introduce a price policy designed to increase agricultural income;
- to lighten the tax burden of the agricultural sector;
- to bring into operation an integrated development policy at regional level.

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