

# CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION



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### IMPACT ON MULTILATERAL RELATIONS IN THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT AND ONGOING SITUATION IN UKRAINE

*(Prepared by the United Kingdom)*

1.1. The UK has been a Member of the Codex Alimentarius Commission since it was founded in 1963 and has a long-established track record of supporting and championing Codex's core values and objectives throughout its membership. The UK would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm its commitment and continued support for the work of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies.

1.2. We highly value the multilateral consensus-based and collaborative approach used to develop international food standards in the Commission. Further, the relationships, trust and mutual respect that has been built between countries and regions in the Codex family.

1.3. In this context, we take the opportunity to state for the record our continued condemnation of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, noting in particular the severe consequences for food insecurity around the world and the violation of the fundamental tenets of sovereignty and territorial integrity on which all international cooperation relies, including our Commission. Russia must urgently de-escalate and withdraw its troops.

1.4 The UK will continue to work collaboratively with other international partners including likeminded members of the Commission who share our values to deliver robust, science-based food standards that protect everyone everywhere, whilst also facilitating global fair trade.