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Agenda Item No. 4.9: Work from the ad hoc Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance (TFAMR) for adoption by the Commission

I. Final Adoption of Codex Texts

- ***Draft revised Code of practice to minimize and contain foodborne antimicrobial resistance (CXC 61-2005)***

The Philippines supports the final adoption of Codex texts: Draft revised Code of practice to minimize and contain foodborne antimicrobial resistance (CXC 61-2005).

Rationale:

The Codex texts were already extensively discussed in various platforms and in the TFAMR 8 General Session, and the current draft for adoption has already reflected the reference and alignment to existing international standards by the OIE and WHO.

We believe that this document would be a useful guidance for all countries to minimize and contain foodborne AMR in order to attain the goal of minimizing risks to human health using the One Health Approach.

The Philippines would like to congratulate South Korea, Dr Yong Ho Park in particular, for successfully hosting and

chairing the ad hoc TFAMR sessions from 2017-2021 as mandated by CAC and for timely completing finalization of the documents at hand with help from the Electronic Working Group Chair from the USA and Co-Chairs, with the full support of the country delegations in their ready participation and cooperation to achieve consensus.

- ***Proposed draft Guidelines on integrated monitoring and surveillance of foodborne antimicrobial resistance***

The Philippines supports the final adoption of Codex texts: Proposed draft Guidelines on integrated monitoring and surveillance of foodborne antimicrobial resistance.

Rationale:

We fully understand that the extensive discussion in the TFAMR 8 General Session already gathered the required technical information and data to have a useful guideline for countries to use to establish an Integrated Monitoring and Surveillance of Foodborne Antimicrobial Resistance that is consistent and aligned to existing international standards from the WHO and OIE.

We congratulate the TFAMR Chair, Dr Park and the EWG Chair from The Netherlands and Co-Chairs for successfully completing the required work as mandated by CAC and with the full support of the country delegations in their ready participation and cooperation to achieve consensus.