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Comments of Indonesia

#### ***Agenda item 5: Revisions/amendments to Codex texts***

Indonesia appreciates the work done by Codex Secretariat for preparing the document to describe the implementation on revisions and amendments of Codex texts, and opportunities for improvement of the current condition. We are of the opinion that there should be a clear distinction between 'revision' and 'amendment' to avoid confusion and ensure that the distinction can be implemented consistently. Noted that amendments can be categorized as editorial and substantive amendments, a clear written procedure is required to categorize the types of amendments. Some examples might be necessary to be added to make it clear. Written procedure is also necessary for adjourned, abolished or dissolved Codex subsidiary bodies.

In addition, Indonesia welcomes the proposal regarding document numbering system in order to facilitate members or users of the Codex texts in tracing the history of the documents. It is necessary to look for a simpler numbering system to make it easier to be understood without any other interpretation.

#### ***Agenda item 6: Format and structure of the Codex Procedural Manual***

Indonesia welcomes the idea of providing Procedural Manual in digital format to have a more user-friendly version without changing its substance and content. The digital version is expected to improve usability and searchability of Procedural Manual so that it can achieve the main goal to guide and assist user. We noted the proposed new format of the Procedural Manual and thanks to Codex Secretariat for the initiative of preparing this version.

#### ***Agenda item 7: Discussion paper on monitoring the use of Codex standards***

Indonesia appreciates efforts done by France for preparing the discussion paper on monitoring the use of Codex standards, which can be a basis for further discussion. We agree in principle that as standard-setting body, it is necessary to have a mechanism to monitor the use of adopted standards in order to know whether the standards are useful for stakeholders. One of the outcomes of Goal 3 of Codex Strategic Plan 2020 – 2025 is having a mechanism/tool to measure the impact of Codex standards developed and piloted. Considering the issues regarding the difficulty and complexity of the work on monitoring the use of Codex standards in the past experiences, we are of the view that it is important to define the term of 'use' and pinpoint relevant practices for 'use' as the initial step to build such monitoring system.