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REPORT OF THE DISCUSSION PANELS WITH IGOs AND NGOs

(Prepared by the Codex Secretariat)

1. Background

1.1 The Statutes of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, Article 1(b) state as one of the purposes of the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme “*promoting the coordination of all food standards work undertaken by international governmental and non-governmental organizations*”.

1.2 CAC40 expressed its support for continuing with panel discussions with IGO and NGO representatives, following a more thematic approach and noted that the Secretariat would no longer prepare a paper on collaboration with international organizations instead reporting through the monitoring of the Codex Strategic Plan¹.

1.3 The Codex Secretariat continues to regularly liaise with relevant international organizations on matters that are pertinent to the work of Codex and a number of organizations have provided written information².

2. Identification of the theme for the 2018 IGO and NGO panel discussions

2.1 As part of the regular review of Codex work management for 2017-18, the Secretariat conducted a review of the collaboration between CAC and other international standard setters (international intergovernmental organizations, and non-governmental organizations with observer status with Codex)³.

2.2 One of the subjects identified as a potential area for future collaboration was *Food Integrity and Food Authenticity*. This subject is currently being discussed by the Codex Committee on Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS) which established an Electronic Working Group (EWG) at its 23rd Session and was also subject of a keynote address⁴ at the ninth session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for the Near East (CCNE9) in May 2017.

2.3 Given the cross cutting character of the subject and its emerging relevance for several Codex stakeholders, the Codex Secretariat chose the topic of *Food authenticity and integrity: a way forward* for the panel discussions and invited a number of organisations to participate in these discussions.

3. Conclusions and recommendations

The Commission is invited to:

- Note the information provided by international organizations in addition to any oral updates;
- Note the reports of the panel discussions and consider options for stimulating further discussion/strategic decisions on this subject matter; and
- Consider proposals for topics for the 2019 panel discussions.

¹ REP17/CAC, para 203

² Documents will be available on the CAC41 page.

³ CX/CAC 18/41/13

⁴ CX/NE 17/09/02