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Opening Remarks Mary Frances Lowe – U.S. Codex Manager

Distinguished delegates, it is my great pleasure to join my colleagues in welcoming you to the Golden Anniversary Session of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene: CCFH 50.

The United States has been honored and proud to host this key food safety committee since its inception, and to watch it grow and prosper as a key source of practical and authoritative texts that assist Codex member governments in protecting consumer health while promoting fair practices in the food trade.

The agenda for this session is a continuation of this proud tradition, and I am confident that we will make significant progress based on the expertise and dedication of CCFH delegates, and our chair.

I want to thank the Government of Panama and especially Panama's Codex Contact Point for their gracious hospitality in co-hosting this session with the United States. It is a complex undertaking to co-host a major Codex committee, but Panama's enthusiasm never flagged.

I think we all look forward to being able to experience a bit of the flavor of Panama's history and culture this week, including at the welcome reception this evening.

We will also have an opportunity to explore and reminisce at the special 50th Anniversary Panel presentation scheduled for tomorrow. I hope you will be sure to participate in this program, which will include reflections from past CCFH chairs. It is always good to look back at where we have been when charting a course for the future.

So again, welcome, and best wishes for a very productive and enjoyable session.