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### COMMENTS OF NIGERIA

#### **AGENDA ITEM 2: Matters Arising from the 38<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC38) CX/GP 16/30/2**

##### **Issue: Amendments to the Procedural Manual**

Nigeria notes that the 38<sup>th</sup> Session of the CAC held in 2015 adopted the following for inclusion in the Procedural Manual:

- Revised Terms of Reference of the Committee on General Principles, proposed by the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of CCGP.
- Amendment to the Procedures for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts, Part 2 – Critical Review (Proposals to Undertake New Work or to Revise a Standard). The amendment was proposed by the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of CCGP, with the addition of a footnote “*Countries could seek the assistance of the Codex Secretariat to provide information on other on-going work in Codex*” to the sixth bullet of the first paragraph.
- Guidance to facilitate the establishment of Maximum Residue Limits for pesticides for Minor Crops, developed by the CCPR, for inclusion as an Annex to the *Risk Analysis Principles applied by the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues*.

**Position:** Nigeria notes that this agenda item is for informative purpose only since the amendments have been incorporated into the 24<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Codex Procedural Manual.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3: CODEX WORK MANAGEMENT AND FUNCTIONING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – TERM OF REFERENCE FOR SECRETARIAT-LED INTERNAL REVIEW (PHASE-1) CX/GP 16/30/3**

Nigeria thanks the Codex Secretariat, FAO and WHO for preparing the Terms of Reference for a Secretariat-led internal review of the Codex work management and functioning of the Executive Committee.

Nigeria observes that the proposed review appears to focus primarily on the functions of the Executive Committee, discussions up to now have not identified problems and gaps encountered in the functioning of the CCEXEC. It may be more informative for CX/GP 16/30/3 to include analysis of the issues which led to the identification of the functioning of CCEXEC as a priority area for review. In our view, achieving efficiency and effectiveness of Codex goes beyond the functions of CCEXEC. We recommend that a holistic review approach which focuses on current work management systems and practices should be used in order to derive full benefit from the review process.

We recognize that “substantive modifications to the proposed TOR will have implications on the feasibility of completing Phase 1 on schedule” (para 17 of CX/GP 16/30/3). However, it may be important to achieve consensus on the priority areas for which a Secretariat-led internal review should be conducted.

We recommend that the review also should focus on the objectives and related activities of strategic goal 4.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: CONSISTENCY OF THE RISK ANALYSIS TEXTS ACROSS THE RELEVANT COMMITTEES (CX/GP 16/30/4)**

Position 1: We support the approach used for the review, the conclusions and short-term recommendations by the Codex Secretariat.

Position 2: We further support the medium-term recommendations for a possible review of the risk analysis section of the Procedural Manual and that this work could be considered within the framework of the upcoming Codex strategic plan 2020-2025.

Rationale 1: The review was one of the activities of the Codex Strategic Plan 2008-2013 Activity 2.1. We consider this work as very important since it consolidates the role of science in the Codex decision-making process. The work will ensure that risk analysis framework as applied by relevant