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Agenda Item 4

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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOODS

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Yogyakarta, Indonesia, 29 April – 3 May 2019

### MATTERS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

(Prepared by the Joint FAO/IAEA Division of Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture<sup>1</sup>)

Comments submitted by European Union, United States of States

#### European Union

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) appreciate the information provided by the Joint FAO/IAEA Division of Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agricultural on their activities.

It is clear that the document shall provide information on radioactivity of both human-made and natural origin that can be found in food in normal circumstances (i.e. not in an emergency situation following a nuclear or radiological emergency) and shall set out issues related to radioactivity in food and issues of food safety and trade.

However, it is not clear for the EUMS why the document would be limited to the presence of radioactivity in food and would not cover feed. It would be appropriate if the IAEA could provide a justification for this.

Furthermore, it would be appropriate to provide more detailed information on what would be covered by the conclusions and recommendations to be provided to the CCCF to consider at its 14<sup>th</sup> session in 2020.

The EUMS can agree on the IAEA proposal to set up an Electronic Working Group (eWG) on Radioactivity in Food to produce a document for food safety and control organisations to increase the understanding of radioactivity in food and any related issue for food safety and trade on the condition that the abovementioned requested clarifications are provided.

#### United States of America

IAEA Proposal for an Electronic Working Group (eWG) on Radioactivity in Food

The United States supports establishment of an eWG on radioactivity in food to develop a discussion paper that will consider the presence of radionuclides in food in non-emergency situations impacting food safety and international trade.

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<sup>1</sup> Comments of Republic of Korea have been removed and compiled in CRD23.