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Interested International Organisations

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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR NEW WORK FOR THE CODEX COMMITTEE
ON SPICES AND CULINARY HERBS (FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE
1ST CCSCH)**

DEADLINE: 30 October 2013

COMMENTS: To:

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BACKGROUND

1. The 36th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission agreed to establish a Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH) to be hosted by India with the following terms of reference:
 - a. To elaborate worldwide standards for spices and culinary herbs in their dried and dehydrated state in whole, ground, and cracked or crushed form.
 - b. To consult, as necessary, with other international organizations in the standards development process to avoid duplication.
2. The Commission did not consider the proposals for new work and agreed that the first session of the Committee would consider its work management modalities, programme of work, including prioritizing criteria, and new work proposals from Codex Members.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

3. Governments and international organizations wishing to submit proposals for new work for the Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH) are invited to do so in writing, as directed above.
4. In order to ensure full consideration of member's proposals it would be helpful if members submit their proposals either in the form of a project document or a brief paper (max 1 page of length) that could include specific details of what work they are recommending, including a statement of purpose; background on the issue to be addressed by the proposal; and any special considerations the Committee should be aware of in discussing the proposal.
5. Members are also reminded that any proposals should conform to the Criteria for the Establishment of Work Priorities, as set out in the Codex Alimentarius Commission's Procedural Manual, as well as be within the Committee's Terms of Reference.