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COMMENTS OF MALAYSIA

General comments

Malaysia supports the proposed Secretariat-led Internal Review (Phase 1) of the Codex work management and functioning of the Executive Committee, in accordance with the purpose as indicated in 2.1 of the Annex of CX/GP 16/30/3. Over 10 years after the 2002 Joint FAO/WHO Evaluation of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, we believe that it is timely that this review be carried out efficiently. In accordance with Goal 4 of the Codex Strategic Plan 2014-2019, which aims to implement effective and efficient work management systems and practices, it is important that the work management of Codex be reviewed, including the functioning of the Executive Committee. This would be an excellent opportunity for all members of Codex Alimentarius Commission and other stakeholders to provide input towards improving the organization.

Specific comments

Malaysia thanks the Codex Secretariat for preparing this draft of the Terms of Reference of this proposed review. We would like to provide a few initial specific comments, while looking forward to detailed discussions in the upcoming session of the CCGP.

2.2 Key questions and scope

Malaysia is of the view that the key review questions should include but not limited to the questions listed under the 2.2 Key questions and scope. The six key areas as identified by the CCEXEC70 (i.e. Strategic governance; Responsive to emerging issues; Consensus; Cross collaboration among Codex committees; Effectiveness and representativeness of CCEXEC; and Efficiency of CCEXEC and CAC) should be included as well to ensure it is more inclusive and effective to achieve a meaningful result.

4.2 Review team competencies and composition

Malaysia would like to seek clarification on the selection of the review team members.

4.3 Timetable

- Malaysia is of the view that Members must be able to provide comments on the questionnaires prepared by the review team before it is circulated to ensure that it is holistic and significant to achieve the successful outcome. Malaysia would like to propose this activity to be included in the timetable.
- Malaysia notes that CCGP works as directed by the Codex Alimentarius Commission. We would like to seek clarification on the role of CCGP for providing comments and suggestions on the report of this work.
- Malaysia is of the view that the timeline of the project is too short. Malaysia proposes that ample time be allocated for better interaction and discussion. We suggest that a two (2) year time period is more preferable.