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### Comments of Brazil

#### 1. Matters arising from the Codex Alimentarius Commission and its subsidiary bodies (CX/GP 23/33/2).

##### a. Future of Codex

- i. Brazil recognizes the evolving concept of “health” that emerged from WHO discussions. However, if a decision has to be taken to reinterpret terms solidly consolidated at Codex Alimentarius, it is fundamental that this discussion lies within Codex statutes and its mandate. This would prevent Codex from dealing with concepts and scopes from other international organizations, which would avoid generating an inadequate overlap of subjects
- ii. Brazil acknowledges the importance of adapting Codex to advances and challenges in food production technology and food safety. However, this adaptation process cannot result directly or indirectly in changing the Codex mandate without a CAC decision, as recognized by article 1.2.2 of Blueprint for the Future of Codex.

##### b. 60th Anniversary of the Codex Alimentarius Commission: 1963-2013

- i. Brazil informs that it will host an event in Brasilia on the 17th of October to celebrate the Codex's 60th Anniversary. The event will be an opportunity to highlight the work of Codex as an example of the importance of multilateral efforts in achieving norms about food, as opposed to unilateralism and the adoption of discriminatory norms.

##### c. Matters from Information

- i. On point 45 of this section, Brazil acknowledges the importance of the work developed by CCGP within the Codex Alimentarius. However, for discussing key issues such as SoP and One Health in Codex, Brazil understands that members should make use of the CCEXEC work. The composition of CCEXEC ensures an adequate representation of the various geographical areas of the world to which the Members of the Commission belong, and CCEXEC members act in the interest of the Commission as a whole.

#### 2. Information on Activities of FAO and WHO relevant to the work of CCGP (CX/GP/23/3)

##### a. UN Food Systems Summit +2 Stocktaking Moment (UNFSS+2)

- i. On the UN Food Systems Summit +2 Stocktaking moment (point 4), Brazil informs that has presented in July an updated National Pathway document for Food Systems Transformation, which reinforces Brazilian commitments to sustainable agri-food systems. Some of Brazil's priorities presented in the updated

document are: 1) the recognition that enhancing food safety can also enhance food and nutritional security at a global level, especially by adopting international norms based on scientific evidence for sanitary measures that affect international trade of food; and engaging in building partnerships to promote regulatory harmonization and information exchange; and 2) reinforcement of the use of science as a basis for the adoption of sanitary and technical measures related to international food trade, through the promotion of transparency, as a way of avoiding the imposition of arbitrary, disguised and unjustifiable restrictions on international trade, ensuring that the measures adopted are proportionate and based on real risks.