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Agenda Item 4b

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DRAFT SCOPE, DESCRIPTION AND LABELLING FOR DRINK/PRODUCT FOR YOUNG CHILDREN WITH ADDED NUTRIENTS OR DRINK FOR YOUNG CHILDREN (AT STEP 7)

Comments by Kenya, Rwanda and Uruguay

KENYA

Proposed Text by eWG	Kenya Comment/option	Rationale
Recommendation 1:	We support adoption of option 2 (without the statements) along with the footnote <i>Drink/product for young children with added nutrients or Drink for young children means a product manufactured for use as a liquid part of the diversified diet of young children</i>	We find text under discussion, ' <i>which may contribute to the nutritional needs of young children</i> ', as superfluous given that it implies that the products may have nutritional properties or not yet the compositional requirements provide as some essential requirements a number of nutrient. This statement therefore does not any additional necessary information. We also note the guidance of description by the procedural manual does not require such statements.
Recommendation 2:	We support retention of NCF of 6.25	The conversion factor is applicable to the products.

RWANDA

Recommendation 1:	Rwanda agrees and accepts the definition stated in OPTION 1 .	This is because the addition of the statement [which may contribute to the nutritional needs of young children], guides the users of the standard and the consumer of the product, noting that the product cannot serve as the sole source of nutrients for this category of young children
Recommendation 2:	Rwanda agrees with EWG on recommendation 2 to retain the NCF of 6.25,	The NCF's proposed by the Expert Panel do not cover all permissible forms of protein and would result in a regulatory gap as there would be no default NCF to use

URUGUAY

En relación con la definición de la bebida/producto, Uruguay comparte la OPCION 2:

Por bebida/producto con nutrientes añadidos para niños pequeños o bebida para niños pequeños se entiende todo producto fabricado para ser utilizado como parte líquida del régimen alimentario diversificado de los niños pequeños.

Sin incluir el texto entre corchetes el texto entre corchetes que aparece en el documento.

Justificación: Consideramos que esta opción describe de manera suficiente el uso previsto de estos productos en la alimentación infantil y la finalidad para la que se han fabricado, sin necesidad de incluir más detalle.

Además, consideramos que la definición no debe idealizar ni promocionar estos productos en modo alguno, ni dar a entender que estos son necesarios para el adecuado crecimiento y desarrollo de los niños pequeños y pensamos que la inclusión del texto entre corchetes podría inducirlo.