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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

### CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD LABELLING

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#### Discussion Paper on Future Work and Direction of CCFL

(Comments of Burundi, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania)

#### Burundi

**Comment:** Burundi takes note of the inventory (Appendix1) for future work and recommends that where a country sees the need for a Codex text, to consider initiating new work as per Codex procedure

#### South Africa

#### Recommendations:

The Committee is invited to:

(a) Consider and agree to initiate new work on trans fatty acids as presented in CX/FL 23/47/11.

- South Africa to await the outcome of the discussions from the CCFO48.

(b) Consider and agree to initiate new work on sustainability-related labelling as presented in CX/FL 23/47/12.

- South Africa supports the development of the discussion papers of the following topics identified in the Inventory of work:
  - Establishing Guidelines on Health related “warnings” or statements such as “Contains phenylalanine”, “High caffeine content, not recommended for use by children, pregnant women, breastfeeding or people sensitive to caffeine”.
  - Definition of vegetarian and Vegan claims.
  - Criteria for the Definition of “high in” nutritional descriptors for fats, sugars, and sodium.
  - Use of the term’s flavours/flavourings and other qualifier terms.
  - Definition of a term “natural”.

**Rationale:** This could contribute to increasing harmonization of international standards and guidelines, and also facilitate fair trade.

### United Republic of Tanzania

The URT support the preparation of discussion papers on the following topics:

- Criteria for the Definition of "high in" Nutritional Descriptors for Fat, Sugar, and Sodium
- Sugar Labelling - Establish a definition for 'added sugars'

**Justification:**

The work would reduce the risks of misinterpretations which could mislead the consumer