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REVIEW AND POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF THE PRINCIPLES CONCERNING THE PARTICIPATION OF INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE WORK OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

(Comments of Kenya, Thailand, Uganda, and United Republic of Tanzania)

Kenya

General Comment: Kenya supports these proposed non-traditional considerations for reviewing Observer status including promotion of Codex work via webinars, social media, publications, and guidance documents. Further, Kenya notes that there is need to develop guidance on how such considerations would be applied when reviewing observer status.

Kenya also supports the view that organizations in observer status registered to attend a Codex meeting to only represents itself at the meeting.

Thailand

Thailand does not object the proposal not to amend the principles concerning the participation of International NGOs in the work of the CAC. In any case, the core values of Codex, namely transparency and inclusiveness, should be taken into consideration.

Uganda

Position: Uganda will support the engagement of NGOs in collecting information and data regarding their participation in Codex activities to inform the next review.

Rationale: NGOs with observer status are crucial in participation and promotion of Codex activities outside the Traditional attendance of meetings and therefore the need to review the procedures to consider these.

United Republic of Tanzania

URT recommends CCGP to put into considerations to the new and additional means of communications for promoting codex works conducted by NGOs having observers status in codex.

Rationale: To incorporate emerging information technology.