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Agenda Item 1

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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

CODEX AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE ON FOOD DERIVED FROM BIOTECHNOLOGY

First Session

Chiba, Japan, 14 -17 March 2000

To be held in the International Conference Hall at “Makuhari Messe”, Nakase,
Mihama-ku, Chiba, Japan, from Tuesday 14 March at 10.00 hours to Friday 17 March 2000

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item	Subject Matter	Doc. Reference No.
	Opening of the Session	
1.	Adoption of the Agenda	CX/FBT 00/1
2.	Matters Referred to the Task Force by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees	CX/FBT 00/2
3.	Review of the Work by International Organizations on the Evaluation of the Safety and Nutrition Aspects of Foods Derived from Biotechnology*	CX/FBT 00/3
4.	Consideration of the Elaboration of Standards, Guidelines or other Principles for Foods Derived from Biotechnology*	CX/FBT 00/4
5.	Other Business, Future Work and Date and Place of Next Session	
6.	Adoption of the Report	

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ANNOTATION TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA
for the First Session of the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Task Force
on Foods Derived From Biotechnology
Chiba, Japan, 14 – 17 March 2000

- Item 1 **Adoption of the Agenda (Doc. Ref. CX/FBT 00/1):** In accordance with Rule V.1 of the Rules of Procedure, the first item on the Provisional Agenda shall be the adoption of the Agenda.
- Item 2 **Matters referred to the Task Force by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Other Codex Committees (Doc. Ref. CX/FBT 00/2):** The item includes matters related to the Task Force arising from sessions of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees.
- Item 3 **Review of Work by International Organizations on the Evaluation of the Safety and Nutrition Aspects of Foods Derived From Biotechnology (Doc. Ref. CX/FBT 00/3):** The Task Force is invited to take note of the results of work done and/or being done by other relevant international fora and organizations in the field of the evaluation of the safety and nutrition aspects of foods derived from biotechnology, including those works done by FAO, WHO and OECD.
- Item 4 **Consideration of the Elaboration of Standards, Guidelines or Other Principles for Foods Derived from Biotechnology (Doc. Ref. CX/FBT 00/4):** Discussion under this item will be based on discussion and information papers submitted by governments and organizations according to circular letter CL/1999/27-FBT and circulated under the reference CX/FBT 00/4. Discussion and information papers may cover:
- identification of areas of the work of the Task Force;
 - work priorities;
 - key concepts and definitions;
 - core principles for risk assessment, risk management and risk communication;
 - collection, dissemination and exchange of information;
 - national and regional experiences.
- The Task Force will have the possibility of asking for clarification on the contents of the discussion papers from the author governments and organizations. The Task Force may wish to conduct a preliminary survey to identify areas where similarity in opinion exists among member countries and areas where a variety of opinions are still observed. The Task Force will be invited to discuss how the future work should be proceeded, including how the results of works done by other international fora could be incorporated in the Task Force's work.
- Item 5 **Other Business, Future Work and Date and Place of Next Session:** The Task Force will be advised of the tentative dates of the next session.
- Item 6 **Adoption of the Report:** In accordance with Rule VIII of the Rules of Procedure, the Task Force shall adopt the report of its first Session based on a draft provided by the Secretariat.