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### CODEX COMMITTEE ON FATS AND OILS

#### Twenty-Sixth Session

**Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 25 February- 01 March 2019**

#### Opening Remarks

Prof. PURWIYATNO HARIYADI, Vice chair of Codex Alimentarius Commission

Excellencies,

- The Honourable Minister of Health of Malaysia
- Representatives of the FAO and WHO
- Chair of the CCFO
- Codex Secretariate
- Distinguished Delegates,
- Ladies and Gentlemen

A very Good Morning to you all

It is a great honor for me to participate in the 26<sup>th</sup> session of the CCFO. On behalf of the Chair and Vice Chairs of the CAC, I would like to welcome you to this beautiful place of Kuala Lumpur, the state capital of Malaysia.

In this special occasion, I would like to highlight the importance of the CCFO work in the context of the Codex Alimentarius work.

As we all know, the Codex Alimentarius Commission has worked in developing and encouraging the implementation of harmonized international standards, codes of practices and guidelines covering all aspects of food safety and quality, including handling and distribution of food along the food chain. And this includes fats and oils of animal, vegetable and marine origin; important foods and food ingredients traded worldwide. We can not imagine enjoying food without fats and oils. Consequently, the aspects of safety, quality and authenticity of fats and oils are of immense importance to all parties, along the fats and oils supply chain, from farm to table around the world.

More especially, the works of CCFO discussed in this session is really important to the mission of Codex Alimentarius. As we know, CCFO is a very important Codex Subsidiary Body in the practical context of food safety and fair practices in food trade for both the public and private sectors.

Several important proposed draft standards will be discussed and elaborated in this CCFO26. Among those proposed draft Standards are (i) Draft revision to the Standard for Named Vegetable Oils (CXS 210- 1999), (ii) Draft revision to the Standard for Olive Oils and Olive Pomace Oils (CXS 33-1981), and (iii) many discussion papers important for fats and oils. These revisions on Codex standards are expected to help consumers, suppliers, retailers and regulators, to assure the quality and safety of these important products. This, in turn, will facilitate the global manifestation of Codex mandates, which are to protect the health of consumers and to ensure fair practices in the food trade. Protecting the health of consumers and ensuring fair practices in food trade are important contribution of Codex for the achievement of The Sustainable Development Goals; especially by continuing global efforts toward safer and better food for everyone, everywhere.

Hence, I would like to thank the Committee, especially to the chair of CCFO, Ms. Noraini Binti Dato' Mohd Othman, and the Malaysia secretariate team for constructing the productive agenda we are having this week. Every item on the agenda is important and critical to achieving the goal for Codex. Especially to the The Honourable Minister of Health Malaysia, on behalf of the CAC I would like to express my great appreciation for the continuing support of the Government of Malaysia for the successful work of CCFO and other works of Codex.

I would like to close by noting that this week, the committee will also have a discussion on better management of the work of the CCFO. This is an important discussion, to find innovative approaches, that will allow the committee to be more effective and efficient in completing their important works, and in making more impactful results to assure safer and better food for everyone, everywhere. I congratulate you all for that.

And, finally, I wish everyone a successful session.

Thank you.

**Purwiyatno Hariyadi**

Vice Chair, CAC