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Twenty-second Session

Melbourne, Australia, 6-12 February 2016

DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE USE OF ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATES BY COMPETENT AUTHORITIES AND MIGRATION TO PAPERLESS CERTIFICATION

(Comments from Kenya and the Philippines)

KENYA

Kenya appreciates the work prepared by Netherlands in the progress made in preparing this discussion paper for committee members to discuss and comment on.

Kenya therefore supports the continuation of the work on the use of electronic certificates by competent authorities and migration to paperless certification.

PHILIPPINES

We would like to thank Netherlands in preparing the discussion paper. We will support the development of a definition of electronic certificates in food and to the proposed revisions in the Guidelines for Design, Production, Issuance and Use of Generic Official Certificates (CAC/GL 38-2001).

Likewise we support the proposal for the development of an electronic working group to develop a draft Codex guidance and/or principles for discussion at its 23rd Session.