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COMMENTS OF BANGLADESH

Bangladesh wishes to express its appreciation to the Codex Alimentarius Commission, its subsidiary bodies, and the Codex Secretariat for the extensive work accomplished during 2025, which has significantly contributed to advancing food safety and fair practices in food trade.

In this Conference Room Document (CRD), Bangladesh presents its views and comments on selected items of the CAC48 agenda, namely, Items 4.1, 4.4, 5, 7.23, and 8, reflecting national priorities and perspectives to further the objectives of Codex and to ensure that global food standards continue to serve the needs of all Members, including developing economies.

AGENDA ITEM 4.1

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Bangladesh commends the Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV) for the comprehensive work undertaken in developing the Draft Standard for Fresh Dates. The standard represents an important step toward harmonizing quality and safety requirements for this commodity of important economic and nutritional significance in many regions.

Bangladesh **supports the adoption of the Draft Standard for Fresh Dates at Step 8**, considering that the text is technically sound, balanced, and ready for final approval by the Commission. Adoption of this standard will facilitate fair trade practices, improve quality management along the date value chain, and support developing countries in aligning their national specifications with achievable Codex provisions.

AGENDA ITEM 4.4

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Bangladesh commends the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF) for its continued efforts to establish science-based maximum levels for contaminants, particularly for lead in spices and culinary herbs. Bangladesh supports the adoption of the proposed MLs at Step 8, namely 2.5 mg/kg for lead in spices, dried bark and 2.0 mg/kg for lead in culinary herbs, dried, recognizing their importance in ensuring consumer health protection and promoting harmonization of international trade requirements.

Bangladesh underscores the importance of ensuring that the established MLs remain achievable, especially for small and medium-scale producers in developing countries. It is essential that the implementation of these MLs does not create additional burdens or barriers to trade but rather facilitates progressive improvement in product safety and market access through capacity building and alignment with Codex guidance.

AGENDA ITEM 5

CX/CAC 25/48/10

Bangladesh supports the initiation of a new work on the development of risk analysis principles of New Food Sources and Production Systems (NFPS), recognizing its relevance to food security, innovation, and sustainable production. Bangladesh notes the recommendations of CCEXEC89, requiring improved scoping of the proposed new work, including input from members and observers. The resulting proposal, once well scoped, should offer important guidance to members on optimal approaches to develop regulatory frameworks to regulate emerging food sources, in a manner that supports consumers' safety, while promoting fair trade. Bangladesh underscores the need for this work to remain practical and inclusive, supported by capacity-building efforts to enable effective participation of developing countries.

AGENDA ITEM 7.2

REP25/ASIA

Bangladesh commends the successful organization of CCASIA23 and acknowledges the strong coordination and engagement demonstrated by Members and the Codex Secretariat before and during the session. Bangladesh also wishes to recognize the **Asia Codex and Food Regulatory Forum held in Bangkok**, which

provided an excellent platform for dialogue among regulators, scientists, and industry stakeholders. Bangladesh was honored to make an important contribution to this forum, highlighting the country's commitment to advancing Codex work and strengthening regional collaboration in food safety and regulatory science.

AGENDA ITEM 8**CX/CAC 25/48/13**

Bangladesh supports the updated Monitoring Framework for the Codex Strategic Plan 2026–2031 and commends the Codex Secretariat for developing a clear and measurable approach to track implementation. The framework will help ensure accountability and consistency across Codex work. Bangladesh emphasizes the importance of maintaining **realistic and inclusive indicators** that reflect the capacities of developing countries and encourages continued **capacity-building efforts** to support Members in implementing and reporting against the Strategic Plan.