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Agenda Items 3 and 4

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(Comments from the Republic of Korea)

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Agenda Item 3: Discussion paper on procedural guidance for committees working by correspondence

The Republic of Korea would like to thank the Codex Secretariat, legal offices of FAO and WHO for preparing the document on the 'Discussion paper on procedural guidance for committees working by correspondence'. We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on this issue.

Specific comments

- The Republic of Korea would like to make some comment about the proposed Recommendation.
- The Republic of Korea basically supports formulating procedural guidance for committees working by correspondence with consideration of economical efficiency.
- In order to make the discussion clear, we would like to suggest that consensus on specific 'definitions and scope' of committees working by correspondence should be taken for clarity before further discussion.

Agenda Item 4: Use of examples in Codex Standards

The Republic of Korea would like to thank the Codex Secretariat for preparing the document on the 'Use of Examples in Codex Standards'. We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on this issue.

The Republic of Korea would like to offer the following specific comments on the proposed recommendation.

Specific comments

- The Republic of Korea would like to make some comment about the proposed Recommendation
- We would like to propose that use of examples in Codex standards is necessary so that providing overall guidance would be effective for better understanding of members.
- Under this objective, we suggest the standards should include that examples used in Codex standards do not have any legal force nor are compulsory to avoid argument and misunderstanding among stakeholder.

Agenda Item 5

Republic of Korea supports the World food safety day that will be celebrated on 7th June 2019. Now the issue of food safety is becoming more important.

Republic of Korea has recognized the importance of food safety and we have celebrated food safety day every 14th May from 2002 to remind of national food safety to secure public health.

As quantity of food trade is getting bigger, we believe that it is crucial to cooperate especially in the issue related to food safety.

In this view point, we think that sharing items regarding international food safety issue is recommended. Therefore, we think that the campaign regarding food safety is critical so that we back up the World food safety day as a hosting country of TFAMR.