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Agenda Items 3, 5, 6.1, 7.1, 8

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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME CODEX COMMITTEE ON RESIDUES OF VETERINARY DRUGS IN FOODS

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Houston, Texas, United States of America, 17 – 21 October 2016

### COMMENTS OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

#### Agenda Item 3

**Matters of Interest arising from FAO/WHO and from the 81<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA).**

**Comments:** Trinidad and Tobago supports the JECFA recommendation.

#### Agenda Item 5

**Proposed draft MRLs for gentian violet at Step 3.**

**Comments:** Trinidad and Tobago supports the option 2

**Rationale:** Option 2 is less prescriptive and gives national authorities leeway to adopt their own risk reduction measures. Currently in Trinidad and Tobago gentian violet is registered for topical use both in humans and animals.

#### Agenda Item 6.1

**Proposed draft MRLs for ivermectin, (cattle muscle) and lasalocid sodium (chicken, turkey, quail and pheasant kidney, liver, muscle, skin, fat) at Step 4.**

**Comments:** Trinidad and Tobago supports the decision for reevaluation of the MRLs by JECFA.

#### Agenda Item 7.1

**Discussion paper on unintended presence of residues of veterinary drugs in food commodities resulting from the carry-over of drug residues into feed.**

**Comments:** Trinidad and Tobago supports the work undertaken by the United States. Trinidad and Tobago recommends that establishing Good Manufacturing Practices for feeds as well as implementing Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) can greatly reduce the risk of unintentional carryover of drug residues in food commodities from feed.

#### Agenda Item 8

**Global survey to provide information to the CCRVDF to move compounds from the data base on countries needs for MRLs to the JECFA Priority list (Report of EWG) and Database on countries need for MRLs**

**Comments:** Trinidad and Tobago would like to thank EWG, co-chaired by Costa Rica and the United States of America for their work in providing leadership in conducting the survey and supports the proposed work to develop and maintain the Database of Countries Needs for MRLs by circular letters.