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INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES OF FAO AND WHO AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS RELEVANT TO THE WORK OF CCFICS

(Comments submitted by Kenya, Rwanda, United Republic of Tanzania, and East African Community)

Kenya

Kenya takes note of the FAO/WHO Food Control System tool which Kenya has been a beneficiary. Kenya appreciates the support received from FAO in conducting self-assessment. The tool has allowed the country's self-assessment in a structured and transparent way. Kenya also takes note of the efforts that have been undertaken by INFOSAN and its achievements. Issues that have been addressed in food fraud, high level advocacy activities for food safety within FAO and WHO among others.

Kenya takes note of the UNIDO, WTO, and STDF Secretariats and OECD reports.

Rwanda

Rwanda takes note and appreciates the activities of Food And Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and World Health Organization (WHO).

Rwanda takes note of the activities of international organisations, as per the report of UNIDO, WTO and STDF Secretariats, and OECD.

Tanzania

TANZANIA takes note and appreciates the support on assessment of food safety system received by some partner states (Rwanda, Uganda, and Kenya) and requests FAO/WHO to extend similar support to the other partner states (United Republic of Tanzania, Somalia, Burundi, South Sudan, and Democratic Republic of Congo).

TANZANIA appreciates the activities of WHO using the INFOSAN system in addressing issues of food fraud and food safety emergencies. However, the TANZANIA also notes that there are challenges with the effective functioning of the INFOSAN system at the national level as well as in the region and requests WHO to assess the challenges to clearly define the need for strengthening INFOSAN in the TANZANIA including convening a regional capacity-building event.

TANZANIA appreciates and takes note of the activities of international organizations, as per the reports of UNIDO, WTO and STDF Secretariats, and OECD. TANZANIA welcomes the recent approval of the guidelines on remote audit and inspection in regulatory frameworks and requests STDF and UNIDO to support the implementation of these guidelines by the respective Partner states in the region.

East African Community

Information on activities of FAO and WHO and other international organizations relevant to the work of CCFICS- (CX/FICS 24/27/3)

Position: EAC takes note and appreciates the support on assessment of food safety system received by some partner states (Rwanda, Uganda, and Kenya) and requests FAO/WHO to extend similar support to the other partner states (United Republic of Tanzania, Somalia, Burundi, South Sudan, and Democratic Republic of Congo).

EAC appreciates the activities of WHO using the INFOSAN system in addressing issues of food fraud and food safety emergencies. However, the EAC also notes that there are challenges with the effective functioning of the INFOSAN system at the national level as well as in the region and requests WHO to assess the challenges to clearly define the need for strengthening INFOSAN in the EAC including convening a regional capacity-building event.

Information from UNIDO, WTO and STDF, Secretariats and OECD- (CX/FICS 24/27/3 Add.1)

Position: EAC appreciates and takes note of the activities of international organizations, as per the reports of UNIDO, WTO and STDF Secretariats, and OECD. EAC welcomes the recent approval of the guidelines on remote audit and inspection in regulatory frameworks and requests STDF and UNIDO to support the implementation of these guidelines by the respective Partner states in the region.