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Agenda Item 4a, 4b

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Comments on Agenda Item 4a&4b, submitted by Kenya and African Union

AGENDA ITEM 4(a): Matters of interest arising from FAO and WHO

African Union

Position: AU takes note of the following activities conducted since the last session of CCPR47 by FAO and WHO in the provision of scientific advice to Codex and member countries as Well as other activities of interest to CCPR.

AGENDA ITEM 4(b): Matters of interest arising from other international organizations

Kenya

Issue: Joint division coordinated research and technical cooperation projects – pesticide residues in foods

The Joint Division encourages and assists member countries with research and development on the uses of nuclear and related techniques and fosters the exchange of scientific and technical information. Activities designed to stimulate and coordinate research bringing scientists from both developing and developed countries to develop solutions to food safety related problems using isotopic and nuclear techniques are normally implemented through Coordinated Research Projects (CRPs).

Position: we propose the inclusion of Kenya in the CRPs and TCPs.

African Union

Position:

AU thanks the IAEA for its continues support to this committee and Africa, notably among these are;

- the ongoing work on the performance criteria for methods of analysis for pesticide residues in foods,
- the food contaminant and residues information system
- And a number of ongoing projects in Africa

AU hopes that such support should extended to more countries in Africa in future

Issue & Rationale:

Many countries in Africa have benefited from the technical support provided by IAEA which has helped to strengthen the technical and human capacity to monitor food safety and quality in Africa. Examples of countries benefiting from these technical supports include Benin, Namibia, Botswana, Libya, Sierra Leone and Uganda.