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Opening Remarks, Purwiyatno Hariyadi

(On behalf of Chair & Vice Chairpersons of the Codex Alimentarius Commission)

- Excellencies,
 - Honourable Head of National Agency of Drug and Food Control, Republic of Indonesia, Dr. Penny K Lukito,
 - Honourable Representative from the Netherlands Embassy, Mr Louise Beyer
 - Chair of CCCF, Dr. Wieke Tas
 - Co-Chair of CCCF, Dr Roy Sparringa
 - Representatives of the FAO; Mr. Markus Lipp
 - Representatives of the WHO; Mr. Kim Petersen
 - Codex Secretariats,
 - Distinguished Delegates,
 - Ladies and Gentlemen
- **Assalamu'alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh**
- A very Good Morning to you all
- First of all, I would like to express my gratitude towards the Government of Republic of Indonesia and Government of the Netherland, for this cooperative arrangement and commitment, so that the 13th Session of Codex Committee on Contaminants in Food (CCCF13) can be held here, in Yogyakarta, Indonesia.
- It is a great honour and pleasure for me, as an Indonesian citizen and as a Vice Chairperson of CAC, to have the opportunity to attend the co-hosting meeting of the CCCF13, in Indonesia.
- With that, please allow me, on behalf of the Chair and Vice Chairpersons of the CAC, to extend my warmest welcome to all Codex Members, Observers, Authorities, and all Delegates from all regions of the world, to Indonesia, especially to Special Region of Yogyakarta.
- As a global organization founded by FAO and WHO more than 55 years ago, Codex has worked to develop and encourage the implementation of harmonized international standards to protect the health of consumers and ensure fair practices in the food trade. Especially for protecting the health of consumer, I would like to highlight that the UN has proclaimed the World Food Safety Day, to be celebrated on every 7th of June. Yes, food safety is a very important aspect of food, and I believe that food safety is a prerequisite for food value. So, it is important for each Codex Member to identify the main food safety topics that need to be improved, or celebrated, to be highlighted on the World Food Safety Day of 7th of June, to further increase the awareness of all parties about the importance of food safety. The CCCF agenda discussed this week is really important for protecting the health of consumer, especially with respect to food safety. With that, the sustainable support for the scientific advisory bodies which give the science basis for Codex standard setting process is essential.
- Overall, however, the works of Codex is also part of concerted global efforts to tackle global challenges. Global challenges that have been identified by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015 are, namely, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- The CCCF agenda discussed this week is really important for the Codex mission, especially with regard to global efforts to reach the SDGs. CCCF's work is about developing standards to prevent or

reduce food and feed contamination. It is the responsibility of all members that this standard should be developed in such a way as to help all actors along the global food chain, to provide safe food and to carry out fair practices in the international food trade. At this point I would like to quote the statement of Mr. Guilherme da Costa Junior (Chairperson of the CAC) during the opening session of the CCGP31 in Bordeaux, France. He mentioned that to build consensus in setting up standard, it is important to keep in mind the question of "How can my country as a Codex Member cooperate so that the other Member State, my commercial partner, can also guarantee protection for the health of its consumers and have room in the trade which might generate foreign exchange and jobs for its population?" This means that in carrying out its mandate to set international food standards, CODEX must be mindful of the potential impact of its decisions on the Sustainable Development Goals.

- I would, therefore, like to thank the Committee, especially the chair of CCCF; DR Wieke Tas (from the Netherlands) and Co-chair, DR Roy Sparringa (from Indonesia), together with the secretariats team from Netherlands and Indonesia, and codex secretariats, for constructing the productive agenda we have this week. Every item in the agenda is important and is critical to Codex mission; towards safer and better foods for everyone, anywhere.
- On behalf of CAC, I would like to express my great appreciation to the Dutch Government for continuing support for the success of CCCF's work and other Codex work.
- I would like to thank the National Agency for Drug and Food Control, and the National Standardization Body of the Republic of Indonesia, and all members of the Indonesian National Codex Committee; The Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, the Ministry of Trade, the Ministry of Industry, the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Indonesian food and beverage association, for their commitment and support for the codex.
- I sure hope that the co-hosting of the CCCF13 in Yogyakarta this week, can be used as an important stepping stone for Indonesia, towards more effective participation in the activities of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) and its subsidiaries bodies.
- I also hope that the CCCF meeting in Indonesia, will be able to raise awareness of the importance of food safety and international food trade, for as many food officials and decision makers as possible, not only for Indonesia, but also for the greater Asian region.
- I congratulate you all for that. And, finally, I wish everyone a successful session.

Thank you.

Purwiyatno Hariyadi (Vice Chairperson of the Codex Alimentarius Commission)