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### DISCUSSION PAPER ON JMPR RESOURCE ISSUES IN THE PROVISION OF SCIENTIFIC ADVICE TO CCPR

(Prepared by the United States)

1. During the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues, the Delegation of the United States presented a discussion paper (CX/PR 11/43/15) to address resource issues for the Joint FAO/WHO Meetings on Pesticide Residues (JMPR). The paper highlighted that the demand on JMPR has increased in recent years and the resource constraints are limiting the number of reviews that can be completed each year and the review schedule for new chemicals is at capacity through 2014. However, the Committee concluded that the CCPR itself could not solve the problem, but that this issue needed to be addressed at high level. The Committee agreed that the JMPR resource issues should be raised by the member countries of FAO and WHO at the highest level possible, and that member countries could express their concerns at the next session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (REP11/PR, paras. 151-156).
2. The Delegation of the United States of America raised the issue of JMPR resource constraints that limit the number of reviews that can be completed each year at the 34<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission in July 2011. During the CAC session, the United States expressed its strong support for the scientific advice provided by JMPR and urged Codex members to inform their representatives to FAO and WHO about the need for adequate funding for scientific advice (REP11/CAC, paras. 180-184).
3. During the September, 2011 JMPR Committee Discussion, an expert of the United States requested that the JMPR further discuss new ideas as well as consider the issues raised in the 2010 Report (ISSN 0259-2517) regarding increasing JMPR capacity. A number of constructive recommendations were proposed during the September, 2011 discussion to increase capacity including the following:
  - Extending the September meeting by 1 or 2 days
  - Performing a significant percentage of the FAO /WHO JMPR work in advance of the meeting, including fully utilizing electronic media and teleconferences among subgroups to resolve routine matters prior to the JMPR meeting.
  - Developing clear guidance/requirements in how industry submits data package to ensure consistency and facilitate the preparation of the monograph/report.
  - Screening early in the process to identify those compounds that are anticipated to have little exposure (and perhaps lower toxicity) to determine the need to evaluate the full dossier.
  - Resolving issues with the industry prior to the JMPR meeting.
4. The Delegation of the United States believes that the recommendations that were proposed in the September, 2011 meeting make sense and are very doable. The United States strongly supports the FAO and WHO JMPR Secretariats in their efforts to implement these recommendations and the progress being made in transitioning some of these recommendations into practice.
5. The Committee is invited to consider the above recommendations and any other additional recommendation that may increase the capacity of JMPR to carry out risk assessment of pesticides and the feasibility for their implementation.