



**Agenda Item 12(a)**

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## **JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME**

### **CODEX COMMITTEE ON RESIDUES OF VETERINARY DRUGS IN FOODS**

#### **Nineteenth Session**

*Burlington, Vermont, United States of America, 30 August – 3 September 2010*

#### **CCRVDF CURRENT PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS**

(prepared by the CCRVDF Chairperson)

1. The Chair recalls that at the 18<sup>th</sup> Session of the CCRVDF the Committee Chair at that session initiated an informal discussion on problems that the CCRVDF was currently facing and possible solutions to these problems. The Chair provides a summary of some of the points raised by the delegations in the Report of the Eighteenth Session of the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Food (ALINORM 09/32/31, para. 168 – 179.) Many of the points that were raised by the delegations are being discussed and addressed in both physical and electronic working groups within CCRVDF. The points of discussion were placed in two categories: (i) Outreach to Other Countries, Especially Developing Countries; and (ii) Possible Revisions Requiring Further Discussion of CCRVDF Risk Management Policies and Procedures and JECFA Risk Assessment Policies.
2. As a matter of Other Business, the Chair would like to invite delegations to continue the informal discussion. The Chair would like to include in the discussion: (i) those items noted in the discussion at the 18<sup>th</sup> Session that have had action taken; (ii) a progress update from the working groups on progress made on those items and work remaining to do; (iii) further discussion and recommendations on the items in which no action has been taken and recommendations regarding next steps to be taken; and (iv) an informal discussion on items that have not been identified in previous discussions. The Chair desires to acknowledge progress on items, have a plan of action for remaining work, and identify new areas of concern to address to enable a fully functioning, efficient and effective CCRVDF.
3. The Chair believes that this informal discussion affords the CCRVDF delegations an opportunity to improve the work of the Committee by conducting this evaluation of the CCRVDF. The Chair would like to thank all delegations in advance for their continued hard work and effort enabling the CCRVDF to be successful in accomplishing its mission.