



**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME  
CODEX COMMITTEE ON RESIDUES OF VETERINARY DRUGS IN FOODS**

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**CCRVDF CURRENT PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS**

(prepared by the CCRVDF Chairperson)

1. The Chair recalls that at the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Session of the CCRVDF, the Committee Chair at those sessions held informal discussions on problems that the CCRVDF was currently facing and possible solutions to these problems. Many of the points that were raised by the delegations are being discussed and addressed in both physical and electronic working groups within CCRVDF. This venue has proven quite beneficial for exploring ways to improve the function of the CCRVDF.
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) items associated with current work within the committee that are contributing to or detracting from achieving progress; (ii) further discussion and recommendations on items in which no action has been taken and recommendations regarding next steps to be taken; and (iii) 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.