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**PROPOSED DRAFT GUIDELINES ON PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS FOR MULTI-RESIDUES METHODS**

**Comments of European Union, Ghana and Nigeria**

**EGYPT**

Egypt approve the recommendation to consider the draft appendix on performance criteria for multi-residue analytical methods and to consider progress on development of a database of multi residue analytical methods from members countries going to be discussed at 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of (CCRVDF).

**EUROPEAN UNION**

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to thank the United Kingdom and Canada for leading the electronic working group that has prepared a comprehensive document on performance characteristics for multi-residue analytical methods.

The EUMS welcome preparation of a clear set of guidelines, bringing harmonization into the different processes for validation of analytical methods. The document in its current form provides valuable guidance performance criteria for multi-residue analytical methods. From the evidence available to the drafting group it is clear that the performance characteristics for multi-residue methods are essentially the same as for single analyte methods. The document as prepared does exactly what it says in the title and does not stray into validation. This next step will be the logical progression of the document at CCRVDF. Validation of analytical methods is critical but this stage necessarily follows on from setting the performance characteristics. The real challenge facing the drafting group now, with the agreement of the CCRVDF, is to take this forward and develop validation guidance for such analytical methods.

**GHANA**

**General Comment**

Ghana supports the proposed draft and recommends that it is advanced to the next step (step 5).

**NIGERIA**

Nigeria commends the e-Working Group led by Canada and United Kingdom on a good work done to the document.

Nigeria supports the Proposed Draft Guidelines on Performance Characteristics for Multi residues Methods at Step 3 but considers it necessary for more consultations to be held on Table 1 regarding the practicability of the proposed criteria.