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REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GUIDELINE FOR THE CONDUCT OF FOOD SAFETY ASSESSMENT OF CELL CULTURE MEDIA COMPONENTS USED IN THE PRODUCTION OF CELL-BASED FOODS

(Comments of Rwanda and Uganda)

Rwanda

Rwanda appreciates the Electronic Working Group chaired by Singapore, and co-chaired by China, Republic of Korea and Saudi Arabia.

Uganda

Uganda appreciates the work done in preparing the discussion paper by Singapore, China, Republic of Korea and Saudi Arabia. It was noted that at CCFA55, Singapore and China submitted a new work proposal on development of guidelines to assess the safety of cell culture media components used in the production of cell-based foods. Discussions at CCFA55 noted support on the need to consider establishing Codex guidance on cell-based foods to ensure consumer safety and facilitate fair practices.

CCFA56 is invited to consider the discussion paper (Appendix 1) and the project document on new work proposal for development of a guideline for the conduct of food safety assessment of cell culture media components used in the production of cell-based foods (Appendix 2). EWG also developed a draft guideline for the conduct of food safety assessments of cell culture media components used in the production of cell-based foods (Appendix 3), as well as proposed questions to seek inputs from FAO/WHO (Appendix 4). These two documents are shared for information at this stage and may serve as a starting point.

Uganda comments/position

Uganda takes note of the discussion paper and EWG recommendations. Uganda further appreciates the EGW for the work. Given the growing population in the world that calls for a need to produce cultured foods based on Biotechnology and microbiology. There is need for assessment of these cell based medias in production of cell based foods in order to produce safe food. This will avoid the related risks associated with their consumption including gene mutation.