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**Agenda Item 8.1**

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### **COMMENTS FROM DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

#### **Agenda item 8.1: Proposal for new work on the application of food labelling provisions to alcoholic beverages**

We consider that the subject under discussion has already been addressed within the framework of the World Health Organization (WHO), particularly through the *"Global Strategy to Reduce the Harmful Use of Alcohol"*, an instrument endorsed by Member States that already includes recommendations aimed at promoting public policy measures in this area, including those related to labelling.

In this regard, we understand that moving forward with the development of a specific standard within the framework of the Codex Alimentarius could lead to duplication of efforts and regulatory frameworks, as well as potential unintended effects on international trade and regulatory harmonization.

Likewise, the possible inclusion of health warnings, pictograms, or other mandatory elements in the labelling of alcoholic beverages could have significant implications for the presentation, marketing, and competitiveness of such products, both for domestic production and imported goods, creating challenges in terms of regulatory adaptation, competitiveness, and international harmonization.

In view of the above, we consider it important for the Dominican Republic to clearly state its position that, in light of existing international instruments and potential regulatory and trade implications, it is not necessary to proceed with the development of specific Codex Alimentarius provisions on the labelling of alcoholic beverages.