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Agenda item 6: Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025: Implementation by CCASIA

Indonesia would like to extend its appreciation to the Secretariat for preparing the survey and data analysis on the implementation of the Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025: Implementation by CCASIA. Indonesia acknowledges the importance of this result as to be taken into consideration for continuous improvement on the next implementation of the Codex Strategic Plan. However, based on the available data, Indonesia would like to emphasize the strong correlation between the meeting format and the level of member country participation.

Based on the available data, Indonesia observes that the participation of CCASIA member countries is significantly higher in hybrid committee meetings, such as CCCF18, as well as at the **CAC46** and **CAC47** meetings, compared to sessions held exclusively in-person. Given these findings, Indonesia recommends that Codex Secretariat consider a hybrid format for future sessions to encourage broader participation from all member countries, especially those in the Asia region.

Agenda item 11.2: Discussion Paper on the Development of a Regional Standard for Canned Porridge and Cooked Rice

Indonesia appreciates the proposal for the development of a regional standard for canned porridge and cooked rice, recognizing its potential relevance to food safety and fair trade in the region. Indonesia supports the initiation of this new work.

In this context, Indonesia respectfully seeks clarification regarding the intended product scope, particularly whether the proposed standard is directed towards instant food products or ready-to-eat foods requiring only simple preparation.

Furthermore, Indonesia would like to ask for clarification on the definition of "cooked rice," particularly whether its scope is limited to products prepared exclusively from rice or other cereals. Accordingly, Indonesia requests that the definitions for both products be clearly specified.

Agenda item 12: Nomination of the Coordinator for Asia

Indonesia attaches great importance to the role of the Regional Coordinator in fostering cooperation among Member Countries, reflecting regional perspectives in Codex work, and enhancing the participation of countries in Asia. The position is vital for strengthening Codex activities and ensuring that regional interests are well represented at the global level.

Indonesia acknowledges Japan's longstanding contributions to Codex, particularly its science-based approach, inclusive leadership, and support for capacity-building initiatives that have benefited many countries in the region. These efforts demonstrate Japan's strong commitment to advancing Codex objectives and promoting fair practices in food trade.

In this regard, Indonesia is pleased to express its support for the candidacy of Japan as Coordinator for Asia. Indonesia is confident that under Japan's leadership, regional collaboration will be further strengthened and the active participation of all Member Countries will be effectively promoted.

Agenda item 13: ASIA23/CRD02 Discussion Paper on the Conversion of the Regional Standard for Laver Products (Asia) (CXS 323R-2017) into a Worldwide Standard

Indonesia appreciates the discussion paper prepared by the Republic of Korea and recognizes the importance of ensuring that the proposed conversion of the Regional Standard for Laver Products into a worldwide standard reflects the diversity of raw materials and production practices.

Indonesia emphasizes the importance of a comprehensive product definition to accommodate the diversity of laver products found globally, including those originating from genera other than *Pyropia*.

Agenda item 13: ASIA23/CRD03 Discussion Paper on the Proposal for the Development of a Regional Standard for Mooncake (Asia)

In principle, Indonesia agrees with the Development of this regional standard. Indonesia also has similar products of moon cake with variation in the proportions and types of filling used, including Bakpia and Pia.

In addition, since each country has different names for this product, Indonesia is of the view that moon cake is not necessary to be included in the name of the standard. Indonesia respectfully suggests that China explore the existence of similar products in other countries of the region, and proposes that the name of the standard be made more generic.