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AGENDA ITEM 3

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Uganda welcomes the proposals for amendments to different sections of the Procedural Manual as agreed during the 34th Codex Committee on General Principles. We believe the new/revised provisions are important for the uniform application of the procedures for the elaboration of Codex standards and related texts. Specifically, the amendments in Section 3.4 on Criteria and procedural guidelines for Codex committees and ad hoc intergovernmental task forces working by correspondence bring the additional clarity and value towards effective work management mechanisms for the several committees that are operating through correspondence. While recommending the adoption of the suggested amendments, we additionally support the planned editorial changes including refinements to layout and language to be made to the 31st edition of the Codex Procedural Manual by the Codex Secretariat as these will provide greater clarity and access to content. We look forward to effective application of the new edition of the Codex Procedural Manual while remaining consistent with the Statutory purpose of Codex.

AGENDA ITEM 5

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Uganda takes note of the new proposals for new work that have been submitted by the different subsidiary bodies including those not falling under the purview of an active committee. We further note the different work items underwent critical review that was conducted by CCEXEC88 and CCEXEC89. In light of this, we support the approval to undertake new work or revise standards arising from active subsidiary bodies most especially the Regional standard for braised or boiled, salted and unsalted, dried fish (Africa).

Our attention is further drawn to the proposal to develop an international standard for Pasteurised camel milk submitted by the United Arab Emirates. Considering that 70% of the global camel milk production is contributed to by Countries in Africa, the timing of this proposal could not have come at a better time. A Codex standard for the commodity is important for establishing the quality and safety parameters which are key in ensuring that the products are traded effectively.

We also welcome the proposal submitted by the EU on New work on development of principles for the risk analysis of new food sources and production systems (NFPS) which will be useful in providing relevant basic information on how to conduct safety assessments for NFPS. We recommend that members should be further engaged on the proposal in order to obtain specific needs and identify potential gaps that should be covered.

AGENDA ITEM 8

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Uganda appreciates the progress that has been made on the process for developing of a monitoring framework that will be important in the effective implementation of the Codex Strategic Plan (2026 – 2031). We take note of the progressive discussions held at CCEXEC89 that refined the indicators and means of verification. We support the adoption of the proposed monitoring framework.

AGENDA ITEM 12

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Uganda appreciates the opportunity for having served as Coordinator for Africa for the last five years. During the period, we have seen tremendous contribution and participation of members in the region in Codex activities. The visibility of Codex in Africa has increased on account of the numerous media published stories covering Food safety and Codex events at both national and regional level. We welcome the new Coordinators, The Gambia and commit our unlimited support to ensure effective continuity and robust engagement of members.