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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 48TH SESSION OF CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION (CAC48)

Ensuring adequate and timely scientific advice for Codex standards¹

1. CAC48 emphasized the importance of timely and adequately resourced scientific advice to support the development and adoption of science-based Codex standards; encouraged FAO, WHO and the Codex Secretariat to provide information on priorities and related costs to assist CAC in prioritizing requests and to support Members in securing resources for the Joint FAO/WHO Scientific Advice Programme; noted that support for scientific advice extends beyond financial resources to include access to data and expertise; and encouraged Members to promote engagement of national experts and timely data submission. CAC48 further noted the need for innovative approaches to address scientific advice needs and invited FAO and WHO to explore such approaches.

Improvements in the timeliness of documents²

2. CAC48, recognizing that the importance of timely delivery of documents and improved timeliness of documents was a shared responsibility, encouraged Members to brief their Permanent Representatives to FAO on the importance of timely translation and advocate for flexibility in translation options, including the use of technology, and reminded all Members, committees and electronic working groups (EWGs) of the importance of timely delivery of and more concise documents.

Leadership roles in EWGs³

3. CAC48 encouraged FAO, WHO and experienced Members to support mentorship mechanisms to assist more Members to take up leadership roles in working groups.

RECOMMENDATION

4. CCFO29 is invited to note the information presented above.

¹ REP25/CAC paragraph 139

² REP25/CAC paragraph 17(ii)

³ REP25/CAC paragraph 17(iii)