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Agenda Item, 3, 4 and 5

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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME CODEX COMMITTEE ON FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

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*Comments by Nigeria*

### **Agenda item 3: Draft standard for fresh dates (at step 7)**

Nigeria appreciates the work done by the committee in preparing the Draft standard for fresh dates and supports its advancement on the accelerated step 5/8 of the Codex procedure.

### **Agenda item 4: Proposed draft standard for fresh curry leaves**

Nigeria appreciates the work done by the electronic Working Group lead by India and support the proposal for the adoption of Draft Standard for Fresh Curry Leaves at step 5

Rationale

This will provide an avenue for Codex members and observers to make additional inputs.

### **Agenda item 5: Discussion paper on the review of existing FFV standards**

Nigeria proposed to the committee to commence new work on the review of the following standards for fresh fruits and vegetable:

STANDARD FOR PINEAPPLES CXS 182-1993

STANDARD FOR MANGOES (CODEX STAN 184-1993)

STANDARD FOR BANANAS CXS 205-1997

STANDARD FOR GINGER (CODEX STAN 218-1999)

STANDARD FOR ORANGES (CODEX STAN 245-2004)

STANDARD FOR TOMATOES (CODEX STAN 293-2008)

STANDARD FOR CHILLI PEPPERS CXS 307-2011

STANDARD FOR OKRA CXS 318-2014

STANDARD FOR FRESH GARLIC CXS 337-2020

STANDARD FOR ONIONS AND SHALLOTS CXS 348-2022

Rationale

The review is necessary as it is apparent that most CCFFV standards has no explicit provision for Contaminants and pesticides residue levels. Hence the need for the commodity standards to reflect the exact level of contaminant, pesticide residue and test methods to determine the amount contaminant(s) or pesticides (respectively) in all the commodities.

This will also provide an avenue for all countries to have a unified test method that will therefore facilitate international trade as well as the trade within African Continental Free Trade Area.