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COMMENTS OF KENYA

Agenda item 2

General Comment: Kenya appreciates the work of Codex in enhancing the credibility, transparency, and inclusivity of international food standard-setting. The matters arising in Agenda Item 2 reflect important governance and procedural updates that have direct implications for food safety management globally and nationally.

Kenya takes note of the matters for action arising from CAC and its subsidiary bodies and has provided responses under specific agenda items.

Agenda item 3

General Comment: Kenya appreciates the continued efforts of FAO and WHO in advancing global food safety and recognizes the critical role of Codex in supporting these initiatives. The alignment of Codex work with FAO/WHO activities is essential for strengthening national food safety systems, particularly in low- and middle-income countries. Kenya underscores the importance of building national capacity to engage in Codex processes through mechanisms such as the Codex Trust Fund, expanded Codex e-learning programs (including local language accessibility), and enhanced technical assistance. Furthermore, Kenya supports the integration of food safety into agrifood systems transformation and advocates for increased extra-budgetary resources to help developing countries address emerging food safety challenges. Kenya notes the need for practical, scalable support tailored to the unique challenges of African nations, including infrastructure limitations and informal food sectors. These collective efforts are vital to ensuring public health, food security, and access to safe trade.