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### COMMENTS OF NIGERIA

#### Agenda item 2

Nigeria notes all the matters referred for information especially the review of the procedures in Section 3 of the *Codex Procedural Manual*, guidelines for subsidiary bodies, to be undertaken by host country secretariats.

#### Agenda item 4.1

Nigeria appreciates the host secretariat of the working group chaired by the United States of America and co-chaired by France for preparing this document and propose the following recommendations:

##### Bullet 2

Nigeria supports option 2 as well as the need to engage further revisions of the Physical Working Group (PWG) and Electronic Working Group (EWG) guidelines.

##### Rationale

The revisions will align the Working Groups with current working practices, especially virtual modalities.

It will also encourage inclusiveness in participation and transparency among all members.

##### Bullet 3:

Nigeria supports the proposed retention of amendments and the removal of all the square brackets on section 3 as presented on Annex I.

##### Rationale

The proposed updates are relevant and consistent with the current works of Codex.

#### Agenda item 4.2

Nigeria appreciate the work of the secretariat for the preparation of the document and supports the proposal that the CAC secretariat should make the changes outlined and apply to the 31st edition of the *Codex Procedural Manual*:

**Rationale:** Comments received from members based on ongoing review of the *Codex Procedural Manual* were necessary.

Inconsistencies and outdated content may lead to misunderstandings, which may make the implementation of the standards ineffective especially in developing countries.

**Agenda item 5**

Nigeria supports the proposed revision of the text and noted that a lot of discussions has been held at CCGP 33 which has provided clarity on paragraph 7 and its intentions.

**Rationale**

It gives a clear understanding of the new FAO guidelines which Codex must follow. clear and updated procedures are essential for timely and effective revisions of codex standards critical for ensuring food safety and facilitating trade.

**Agenda item 6**

Nigeria supports the proposed amendments to the Principles, as outlined in paragraph 3 and Annex I of this document.

**Rationale**

The proposed amendment would clarify that the double representation clause applies to all INGOs holding observer status with Codex