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**WORK PLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC-PLAN 2020-2025:  
INTERIM REPORT OF THE THIRD STRATEGIC PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE**

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC42) adopted the Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025 as proposed by the 77<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CCEXEC77). It encouraged all members to participate in the development of a work plan for implementation of the Strategic Plan 2020-2025. It also requested CCEXEC to present a proposed work plan for implementation of the Strategic Plan 2020-2025 to CAC43.

1.2 CAC42 also noted the establishment of a third strategic planning sub-committee by CCEXEC77 to co-ordinate the development of a work plan, and expressed general agreement with its terms of reference.

1.3 In the course of discussion at CAC42, delegations noted that the process of elaborating the Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025 had been exemplary in terms of its transparency and inclusiveness, and that work to develop the work plan required a strong dialogue with all Codex actors and also provided opportunities for new and constructive ways of working.

## **2. APPROACH**

2.1 The first phase of the development of a work plan has focused on supporting discussions at each of the six FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee meetings, the first of which took place just seven weeks following adoption of the Strategic Plan 2020-2025 at CAC42, and the last of which took place in November 2019. Each of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committees had established an in-session working group (WG) for these discussions, chaired by a member country of the region and facilitated by the Codex Secretariat with the support of the chair or a co-chair of the CCEXEC subcommittee for five of the six meetings. In each case the WG had prioritised two or three of the strategic goals for the Region in 2020-2021, and identified a number of activities that were intended to be actionable by Members of the Region in this period. The WG had reported to the relevant FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for further discussion. Three of the six committees had completed their discussion in the plenary session and their proposed work plans are available as appendices to the meeting reports<sup>1</sup>. Two of the other three committees (FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Africa and FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for North America and South West Pacific) established electronic working groups to complete their work plans and are due to report on their discussions from 1 January 2020, whereas FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean, which had to be suspended before it could complete its discussions, is in the process of establishing a mechanism to complete this work in the coming months.

2.2 A physical meeting of the sub-committee will be held on 9 February 2020, with the purpose of:

- i. reviewing the work plans developed by the Regional Co-ordinating Committees and, in particular, identifying activities that are common across more than one region and the potential for collaborative, inter-regional working;

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<sup>1</sup> REP20/ASIA – Appendix III  
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- ii. discussing the commissioning of inputs from other Codex actors, including but not limited to: Members and Observers; parent organizations; and Chairpersons of subsidiary bodies;
- iii. reviewing proposals to be made by the Codex Secretariat on activities to be undertaken in 2020-2021 to support delivery of strategic goal 5, and determining the role that CCEXEC should take;
- iv. identifying remaining gaps and challenges in the development of a 2 year work plan for implementation of the Strategic Plan 2020-2025;
- v. proposing next steps for the completion of the work plan to be presented to CAC43.

2.3 In the interests of transparency, feedback from the physical meeting of the sub-committee will be provided formally to CCEXEC78, either in the form of a Conference Room Document or as a Chairperson's summary.

### **3. CONCLUSION**

3.1 CCEXEC78 is asked to review the feedback from the physical meeting of the sub-committee and agree the steps to be taken by CCEXEC and its sub-committee in order to complete the work plan for presentation to CAC43.