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### *Comments of the European Union and its Member States*

#### **Comments on the draft Terms of Reference for a joint CCRVDF/CCPR Electronic Working Group**

CAC44 agreed to establish a Joint CCRVDF/CCPR EWG chaired by the United States and working in English only and open to all members and observers with the following mandate:

This EWG will review work already done cooperatively BY CCRVDF and CCPR so far and will identify, and if possible, prioritize areas of possible [further] collaboration between CCRVDF and CCPR and how this could be carried out (e.g. jointly, in parallel, etc.) that could facilitate the consideration of compounds with dual uses by both committees and the possible establishment of harmonized **RECOMMENDATION** of **CLASSIFICATIONS AND MRLs** for food of animal origin to ensure public health protection and trade facilitation.

This may include reflections on improved collaboration between Jmpr/Jecfa, improved synchronization of work between CCPR and CCRVDF e.g. through the EWG on **CLASSIFICATION AND THE EWG** on Priorities, joint agendas, joint or back to back meetings, etc. As such, the mandate remains flexible for the Joint EWG to explore these issues and provide an overview of what it is possible to do through collaborative work (and if [possible] in which way(s)) and what should remain within the areas of expertise of both committees. **THIS MAY ALSO INCLUDE REFLECTIONS ON IMPROVED COLLABORATION BETWEEN Jmpr/Jecfa.**

~~The Joint EWG should also liaise/work in close collaboration with the JECFA and Jmpr Secretariats to delimit the areas for risk assessment and risk management for coordination of work, the latter being of direct interest for collaborative work between CCPR and CCRVDF and with the Codex Secretariat procedural options to enhance collaboration on this area.~~

The Joint EWG will report on their findings to CCPR53 and CCRVDF26 respectively

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**Rationale for deletion:** Unclear parts of the mandate are suggested to be removed from the ToR. The proposal still includes the possibility of reflections on improved collaboration between Jmpr and JRCFA. An extension of the mandate should only be considered following discussion of the report of the EWG at CCPR53 and CCRVDF26.