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Comments of Nigeria

## Agenda Item 5: CX/CF 22/15/5

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Nigeria welcomes the work on the development of maximum levels (MLs) for cadmium in cocoa powder containing 100% total cocoa solids chaired by Ecuador and co-chaired by Ghana.

Nigeria therefore supports the advancement of this work to step 5 for final adoption by CAC45.

## Agenda Item 6: CX/CF 22/15/6

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Nigeria appreciates the work on the development of a code of practice for the prevention and reduction of cadmium contamination in cocoa prepared by the electronic Working Group chaired by Peru and co-chaired by Ghana and Ecuador.

### Specific Comment:

#### RECOMMENDED PRACTICES TO PREVENT AND REDUCE Cd CONTAMINATION IN COCOA BEANS

Nigeria, however, would like to make the following comments:

#### Section 4.2.1: *Strategies to immobilize cadmium in the soil*

##### Item 40:

Nigeria observes that the use of Cd resistant *Streptomyces* sp. strain to reduce Cd uptake in cocoa plants is still on experimental basis and may not be appropriate to be included in the code of practice at this stage.

#### Section 4.3: *Post-harvest phase*

##### Item 47:

Nigeria suggest that this paragraph does not necessarily add value to the codes as further research would be required to provide the optimal fermentation time for cd reduction in cocoa.

## Agenda Item 8: CX/CF 22/15/8

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### APPENDIX II

#### DISCUSSION PAPER ON ESTABLISHING A SAMPLING PLAN FOR METHYLMERCURY IN FISH

Nigeria appreciates the work done on the discussion paper on methyl mercury in fish prepared by the electronic Working Group chaired by New Zealand and co-chaired by Canada.

Nigeria therefore supports the discussion paper on the establishment of a sampling plan for methyl mercury in Fish.