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Written Correspondence Procedure – Input from Members

Agenda Item 13.1: Terms of Reference of the International Platform for Digital Food and Agriculture

Member	Comments
Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canada is pleased that the Committee on Agriculture (COAG) endorsed the creation of the International Platform for Digital Food and Agriculture (IPDFA) to encourage dialogue on challenges, risks and opportunities to the digitalization of agriculture and agri-food, exchange best practices, as well as provide evidence-based policy recommendations on supporting digital technology adoption in the sector in an inclusive manner.• Promoting equitable access to this technology will be key to addressing the triple digital divide, and ensure that women and girls and rural communities have accessed.• Canada supported the Terms of Reference of the IPDFA during both COAG and Council and had few substantial comments. We would continue to support this revised version while noting that gender empowerment should be further integrated in the document and that the reference to “ethical challenges” should not be deleted.