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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Executive Committee

- a) discussed the new structure of the document for the Critical Review that had been presented by the Secretariat to CCEXC71, welcomed the structure of the document and suggested further improvements for consideration by the Secretariat;
- b) discussed issues related to Committees working by correspondence, an item that was deferred by CCEXC71 due to late availability of the working document, and agreed to establish a sub-committee (chaired by Vice-Chair Yayoi Tsujiyama) to work on the matter and report to CCEXC73 (June 2017);
- c) noted that the regular review of Codex work management for 2016/17 would focus on the work processes and procedures used by Electronic Working Groups (EWGs) and examine how effective and efficient EWGs are in advancing the work of Codex;
- d) recommended to the DGs of FAO and WHO (i) to grant observer status to one NGO, (ii) to maintain the status for two NGOs that re-expressed their interest, (iii) not to grant observer status to one NGO, and (iv) to terminate the observer status of one NGO;
- e) noted the draft agendas for CAC40 and EXEX73 and recommended the addition of two new items to the provisional agenda of CCEXC73 i.e. committees working by correspondence and Codex and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Committee further agreed that documents that are on the agendas of both CAC and CCEXC should have different reference numbers and specific recommendations for the two;
- f) noted the considerations of members regarding lessons learnt from CCEXC71 and CAC39, some of which could be implemented by the Secretariat without delay whilst others may require further consideration;
- g) provided several suggestions how the Committee's role and functioning could be strengthened.

INTRODUCTION

1. The Seventy-second Session of the Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CCEXEC) was held at WHO Headquarters, Geneva, from 30 August to 1 September 2016. The Session was chaired by Mrs Awilo Ochieng Pernet (Switzerland), Chairperson of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. A complete list of participants is attached as Appendix I to this report.

OPENING

2. The Session was opened by Dr Oleg Chestnov, WHO Assistant Director-General – Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health. He highlighted the evolving role of the Executive Committee and the importance of having both a strategic vision and an understanding of common interests, especially considering the contributions Codex could make in achieving certain key Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. He underlined the need for Codex to work closely with WHO and FAO as parent organizations as well as other relevant institutions and stakeholders within an integrated framework to achieve public health objectives in food safety and nutrition. He encouraged the Executive Committee to be bold in demonstrating innovative ways of moving forward.
3. Dr Renata Clarke, Head, Food Safety and Quality Unit, Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department, FAO, welcomed the members of the Committee on behalf of the Director General of FAO. She emphasised the need for CCEXEC to maintain its critical strategic function, to recognise change and to seek to improve working practices. She noted the importance of adapting in order to reach strategic goals, now, also mindful of meeting targets under the SDGs. She welcomed the pragmatic and wise decision to trust the constant review of work management to the Secretariat.
4. The Chairperson in her opening remarks underlined the value of an additional session of CCEXEC enabling the Committee to fully exercise its strategic and advisory role with the ultimate objective of striving to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.
5. The Codex Secretary explained that the decision to hold an additional CCEXEC session just two months after the 39th Session of the Commission had been taken to give the CCEXEC the possibility to function as a strategic "think tank" for the Commission and the Secretariat.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (AGENDA ITEM 1)¹

6. CCEXEC adopted the Provisional Agenda as the agenda for the Session and agreed to consider under agenda item 7:
 - Lessons learned from CCEXEC71 and CAC39;
 - Strengthening the role and functioning of CCEXEC.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CRITICAL REVIEW (Agenda Item 2)²

7. The Secretariat introduced CX/EXEC 16/72/2, which aimed at seeking feedback on the restructured document for the Critical Review (i.e. CX/EXEC 16/71/2) in order to better respond to the needs of CCEXEC when carrying out this important function.

Discussion

8. Members generally welcomed the new structure of the document and found the information notes and the comments of the Chairpersons of Codex committees very useful. The combined document (replacing the three separate documents on texts for adoption; monitoring standards development, and proposals for new work) was a great improvement regarding readability and also provided a comprehensive overview of the work of each committee. The templates for presenting information were useful and allowed the document to be developed shortly after each committee session.
9. Members also welcomed the proposal to deliver the document in instalments prior to a session of CCEXEC, as this would provide them with adequate time to prepare for the Critical Review. In this regard it was noted that the templates allowed the document to be prepared in a timely manner with inputs from the committee Chairpersons and factual information from the Secretariat.

¹ [CX/EXEC 16/72/1](#)

² [CX/EXEC 16/72/2](#)

10. Members indicated that it would be useful to have more information and insights from the Chairpersons on the committee work and suggested that the Secretariat give more guidance to the Chairpersons as to the inputs that they needed to provide in order to allow CCEXEC to be more effective in the Critical Review. The importance of maintaining a horizontal view of the work of committees and the interactions between committees were also highlighted.
11. Other suggestions of CCEXEC members for improving the document for the Critical Review included:
 - Colour coding (e.g. traffic lights) to identify and separate those pieces of work that were on track from those that needed more attention and specific recommendation of CCEXEC;
 - The inclusion of objective indicators on which CCEXEC could base its decision, e.g. include clear criteria for the review of new work proposals;
 - The inclusion of the view of the Secretariat on the committees' work.
12. Members also commented on other aspects of the Critical Review and highlighted the need to discuss ways to measure and improve the effectiveness of the Critical Review function, for example, by considering how CCEXEC could better assist the CAC Chairperson and influence CAC when dealing with complex and difficult issues. The need to improve the way CCEXEC recommendations were communicated to CAC was also suggested, e.g. make the recommendations of CCEXEC clearer to the plenary of the CAC by projecting them on the screen (rather than by just reading).
13. It was also noted that in implementing the Critical Review the distinction between procedural and technical aspects was not always easy to define and it was suggested to organise workshops for CCEXEC members to better understand the Critical Review process and thus improving the effectiveness of the process.

Conclusion

14. CCEXEC welcomed the new structure of the document and requested the Secretariat to consider improvements on the basis of the above discussion.

COMMITTEES WORKING BY CORRESPONDENCE (Agenda Item 3)³

15. The Secretary introduced the item. He noted that discussions on different modalities of working were timely for Codex as there was a huge number of Codex standards that had originally been developed by committees that were later adjourned *sine die* and these standards might lose their relevance and usefulness if not updated in time. There were also several commodity committees on the brink of adjourning which might have to deal with a limited amount of work not justifying holding physical meetings.
16. The Secretariat noted the difference between committees working by correspondence and electronic working groups of committees and mentioned a number of issues surrounding the work by correspondence that might need further guidance. Some related to the circumstances under which this way of working was appropriate and others when, conversely, physical meetings should be held. Up until now the low workload of a committee had been used as a justification for working by correspondence, however one committee working this way now had a heavier workload than it was originally tasked with and had established a physical working group (PWG). Other issues related to quorum, chairpersons' rulings, transparency, consensus building and participation.
17. The Secretariat questioned whether it was appropriate for committees working by correspondence to establish either EWG or PWG, which especially in the case of PWG might lead to confusion as the PWG would have to report to a virtual process. The Secretariat called on the CCEXEC to reflect on the potential need for having a clear framework for committees working by correspondence.

Discussion

18. Members noted the advantages of working by correspondence and the opportunities to move swiftly with the aid of information technologies and not be left behind in standard setting in this rapidly changing environment. They further noted how working by correspondence could allow otherwise adjourned (silent) committees to continue to do work.
19. It was also suggested that the Codex Secretariat should consider the experiences of other standard-setting bodies (IPPC, ISO etc.) and identify best practices.

³ [CX/EXEC 16/72/3](#)

20. Members highlighted the need for guidance when a committee is tasked with working by correspondence to ensure the quality of the work in terms of participation and the responsibility of the Chairperson in decision making. It was noted that the work itself should be considered more carefully to see whether it was likely that the committee tasked would be able to develop a global standard working only by correspondence. The Commission should consider whether there is adequate support for the work and accept that it might not be possible to develop a standard only by correspondence.
21. In noting difficulties in working by correspondence, Members described how issues such as transparency, the way in which conclusions are reached and the actual advancement of the standard could be open to criticism.
22. The view that negotiation is best carried out in a physical working environment was also expressed and that committees should avoid making vital decisions by correspondence. Virtual environments should only be used for collecting information.
23. It was noted that Codex work, built around consensus between governments, was fundamentally different in nature to work of organisations such as ISO, who are non-governmental and who adopt much of their work by correspondence. There was also a perceived lack of prestige in participating in an electronic process compared to a physical meeting and that consequently commitment, attendance and therefore consensus were sub-optimal.
24. Members noted that when working by correspondence, the finalisation of a document and decision-making in some cases appeared to be entirely the responsibility of the host country (Chairperson) and that decisions taken went directly to CAC without leaving scope for further technical discussions.
25. On the question of the need for guidance or rules to assist committees working by correspondence, it was stated that a different set of rules for these committees might be confusing and urged caution before attempting to set new rules.
26. The Representative of the Legal Counsel of WHO, speaking on behalf of the Legal Offices of both WHO and FAO, noted that at present, rules for committees working by correspondence were not explicitly provided in the Procedural Manual. She further noted that committees had different needs depending on whether working face-to-face or electronically and that any need for guidance would be dictated by the needs of specific working modalities. She reminded members of the differences between a working group operating electronically and reporting to its parent committee and a committee working by correspondence and reporting directly to CAC.
27. The Representative of the Legal Counsel of WHO also confirmed that in considering to produce additional guidance it would be appropriate to address means of working that were not face-to-face. She indicated that technological platforms and other available tools as well as innovative yet acceptable ways to progress the development of standards could be considered in the future if Members so wish.
28. In conclusion she drew the attention of CCEXEC to some of the issues for which guidance would be beneficial for committees working by correspondence – e.g. the participation of observers; verification of the quorum; how conclusions are elaborated; how differences in views are solved. It would also be necessary to not only consider rule based issues, but practical considerations such as data security.
29. The Representative of FAO highlighted the potentially high number of old or outdated standards which may require attention and new work in the future and noted that it might be useful to consider whether there were other factors contributing to the emergence of issues that do not apparently fit well under existing active committees.
30. In order to fully consider the matters raised during discussions, members suggested establishing a sub-committee of CCEXEC. It was suggested that adopting a “decision-tree” approach by stepping back and considering all options when new work is proposed could be one way forward. This work could begin by examining current options available in the Procedural Manual when dealing with new work. It was further suggested that this work should also consider CX/EXEC 16/72/3 as a basis for further analysis along with papers previously presented to CCGP on the same subject.
31. Other comments and suggestions included:
 - Analysing the type of work that has been carried out through electronic means and proposing possible formats for the future;
 - Learning from cases such as histamine (an example of moving work from CCFPP to CCFH and then adjourn the CCFPP) and developing explicit and pragmatic procedures for working electronically for current cases;
 - Creating, when necessary, EWGs of the Commission to report to committees that actually meet before a standard is forwarded to CAC;
 - Considering possible scenarios or “flows” for work and creating a document that illustrates that process.

Conclusion

32. The Committee agreed to establish a sub-committee of CCEXEC, chaired by Vice-Chairperson Ms Yayoi Tsujiyama, open to all members of CCEXEC, working in English only and using the pilot electronic platform for EWGs, with the following terms of reference:

Taking into account documents CX/EXEC 16/72/3 and the *Discussion Paper on Work carried out by Committees working by correspondence* - prepared by France and Germany (CX/GP 16/30 CRD2) in completing this task, the sub-committee will:

- A. Identify the options available to the Commission when deciding on new work under the following scenarios⁴:
1. The proposed new work falls within the ToR of an adjourned committee (or a committee considering to adjourn);
 2. The proposed new work does not fall within the ToRs of an existing committee.
- B. Identify possible procedural gaps and/or guidance needed.

33. CCEXEC requested the sub-committee to report back to its next session (June 2017).

CODEX WORK MANAGEMENT (REGULAR REVIEW) (Agenda Item 4)⁵

34. The Secretariat introduced CX/EXEC 16/72/4, which aimed at presenting the focus of the 2016/17 regular review of Codex work management, entrusted to the Secretariat by CAC39. In inviting members to provide any elements that could assist in further refining the scope of the review, the Secretariat explained that the chosen focus on Electronic Working Groups (EWGs) would allow for a review of several work management activities included in the current Strategic Plan in an integrated and contextualized manner (e.g. use of technologies, languages, participation, skill set of Chairpersons).
35. The Secretariat informed the Committee that the evaluation units of FAO and WHO had confirmed their availability to assist in the review in order to ensure the process is realistic and methodologically sound.
36. The Secretariat further noted that beyond the work management activities related to EWGs they would continue to monitor and annually report on the implementation of the entire Strategic Plan to the CCEXEC.

Discussion

37. Members generally welcomed the choice of EWGs as the topic for the review and noted that the need for closer examination of EWGs had also been highlighted by India in a discussion paper presented at CCGP29⁶.
38. Members stressed that the overarching questions should be to what extent EWGs are “effective and efficient work management systems” (Strategic Goal 4) and how successful they are in advancing Codex work.
39. Members encouraged the Secretariat to detail the specific links between EWGs and activities contained in the Strategic Plan that would be covered by the review and advised the Secretariat to clearly specify how the various aspects would be addressed. They mentioned, in particular, the use of official languages as a relevant aspect of the review and noted the need to find the right balance when approaching this aspect (e.g. working in a single language might be more efficient but not necessarily more effective).
40. Other potential questions that could be addressed by the review, as suggested by members, were:
- i. To what extent are the principles of transparency and inclusiveness respected in EWGs?
 - ii. How is good participation ensured in EWGs?
 - iii. What are best practices in EWGs?
 - iv. What are potential benefits and limitations of alternative working methods applied in other standard setting organizations (e.g. closed working groups)?

⁴ An appropriate tool for this activity may be a decision tree approach. A decision tree is a decision support tool that uses a tree-like graph or model of decisions and their possible consequences.

⁵ [CX/EXEC 16/72/4](#)

⁶ Annex 1 to [CX/GP 15/29/6-Add.2](#)

41. Members further noted the need to include other important work management issues (e.g. the efficient use of time and cross collaboration between committees) in the review, but acknowledged that the 2016/17 focus was a first step forward and a good opportunity to learn progressively and better understand the complexity of the regular review process. It was further noted that this work was relevant to committees working by correspondence (item 5).

Conclusion

42. CCEXEC noted that the regular review of Codex work management for 2016/17 would focus on the work processes and procedures used by EWGs and examine how effective and efficient they are in advancing the work of Codex.

APPLICATIONS FROM INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR OBSERVER STATUS IN CODEX (Agenda Item 5)⁷

43. The Secretariat introduced CX/EXEC 16/72/5 and noted that the Secretariat and the Offices of the Legal Counsel of FAO and WHO had checked the four applications contained in the working document and found that one of them, AGRO-CARE, was complete and receivable.

Conclusion

44. CCEXEC recommended that the Directors-General of FAO and WHO:
- i. Grant observer status to AGRO-CARE subject to the conditions contained in CRD1;
 - ii. Request additional information from C4CCES and GHI⁸ and to further discuss their applications during its next meeting (CCEXEC73) based on the information received;
 - iii. Not grant observer status to RCP-Network;
 - iv. Maintain observer status for two NGOs, namely European Wax Federation (EWF) and International Seed Federation (ISF), noting that their lack of participation and response was due to internal changes in their respective structures.
45. CCEXEC also noted that the 49th Parallel Biotechnology Consortium (49P) is no longer interested in maintaining observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission and recommended to the Directors-General of FAO and WHO the termination of the observer status of 49P.

PROVISIONAL AGENDAS FOR CCEXEC73 AND CAC40 (Agenda Item 6)⁹

46. The Secretariat introduced CX/EXEC 16/72/6, which aimed at seeking CCEXEC inputs and recommendations to the draft provisional agendas of CAC40 and CCEXEC73. She noted that the final provisional agendas would be prepared by the Directors-General of FAO and WHO on the basis of CCEXEC recommendations and in consultation with the Chairperson.
47. She noted that the items present in both agendas of CAC and CCEXEC had distinct reference numbers to highlight the different functions of CCEXEC and CAC. It was clarified that item 15.1 of the CAC agenda and item 8 of the CCEXEC agenda were standing items, while CCEXEC agenda item 7 was a specific issue referred by CAC39.
48. She recalled that as the result of the discussion of Item 3, the document on committees working by correspondence would be added to the agenda of CCEXEC73.

Discussion

49. Members, while supporting the draft provisional agendas of CCEXEC73 and CAC40, noted that the agendas should reflect the different roles of CCEXEC and CAC and documents should be tailored to the different functions of the two bodies.
50. While noting that some of the comments on this item were anticipating the discussion on lessons learnt (Item 7), members noted that more reflection was needed on how improve time management of CCEXEC and CAC, e.g. opening ceremony; organisation of CAC sessions in different modules; time allocated to core business and marginal and information items; more discipline in the way sessions are run; length of interventions by delegates; longer sessions imply additional costs for delegations.

⁷ CX/EXEC 16/72/5; Applications from INGO for observer status: AGRO-CARE (CRD1); C4CCES (CRD2); GHI (CRD3); RCP-Network (CRD4)

⁸ C4CCES concerning the criteria of internationality; GHI regarding the recognition of Taiwan

⁹ CX/EXEC 16/72/6

51. The Chairperson recalled the remark of the WHO ADG on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and noted that at least six specific goals were relevant to Codex, i.e. Goal 1 “No Poverty”; Goal 2 “Zero Hunger”; Goal 3 “Good Health and Well-being”; Goal 8 “Decent Work and Economic Growth”; Goal 12 “Responsible Consumption and Production” and Goal 17 “Partnerships for the Goals”.
52. Members supported the proposal of the Chairperson to have a sub-item on Codex and SDGs on the agenda of CCEXEC73. It was noted that the proposal was timely as Codex, as a body operating within the framework of the United Nations, would need to demonstrate clear linkage between the SDGs and the next Codex Strategic Plan (2020-25). The document would be prepared by FAO/WHO.

Conclusion

53. CCEXEC took note of the draft agendas for CAC40 and CCEXEC73 (Appendix II) and recommended the addition of two new items to the provisional agenda of CCEXEC73, i.e. committees working by correspondence; and Codex and SDGs. CCEXEC further agreed that documents that are on the agendas of both CAC and CCEXEC should have different reference numbers and specific recommendations for the two bodies.
54. The Representative of WHO stated that FAO and WHO would note the recommendations of CCEXEC in finalising the provisional agendas of CAC40 and CCEXEC73 and that the parent organizations were supportive of the effort of the Secretariat to differentiate between the two agendas, minimizing unnecessary overlaps while ensuring the needed linkage between the CAC and CCEXEC.

OTHER BUSINESS (Agenda Item 7)

Lessons learnt from CCEXEC71 and CAC39

55. Members discussed lessons learnt. The elements raised by members are presented by theme below and are also available as a visual mind map for further development and analysis.

Time Management:

- Discuss issues with regions prior to meeting
- Display conclusions on screen
- Encourage greater regional coordination to save time
- Ensure timely distribution of documents in working languages
- Identify topics that could be better discussed at CCEXEC level
- Print CCEXEC report and CRDs for CAC
- Set rules for length of interventions and stricter protocol
- Set timeframe for discussions early in the meeting
- Train delegates to be better prepared at meetings

Positive Changes in CCEXEC

- Greater openness due to previous informal exchanges
- New synergies
- Improvements in quality of working documents

Technical discussions at CAC39

- Avoid objections in CAC conflicting with decisions of technical committees
- Avoid technical discussions at the CAC level
- Make better use of circular letters

Reports

- Ensure better management of flow of reports between committees
- Show more clearly how we reach conclusions

CAC Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons

- Avoid having four different Chairpersons at one meeting which lacks effectiveness and continuity in session

- Enhance chairing skills to manage debate
- Seat Vice Chairpersons with country delegations as they are valuable resources

Planning

- Be better prepared for meetings
- Be better prepared with Procedural Manual and legal aspects of work
- Enhance planning to foresee problem issues
- Ensure key (and not repetitive) items are on the agenda
- Improve communication of CCEXEC issues to CAC
- Invite all Committee Chairpersons to CAC
- Make a CCEXEC decision stand at CAC
- Solve major sticking points through RCCs
- Stagger elections of CCEXEC members to not lose institutional memory

Partner Statements at CAC

- Ensure partners focus on issues relevant to Codex members
- Recognize Partners have an important role to play

Conclusion

56. CCEXEC noted the considerations of members regarding lessons learnt from CCEXEC71 and CAC39. The Secretariat stated that some of the ideas could be implemented by the Secretariat without delay whilst others may require further consideration.

Strengthening the role and functioning of CCEXEC

57. Members noted that this matter was closely linked to the discussion on lessons learnt from CCEXEC71. The following observations were made:
- The functioning of CCEXEC had improved over time and benefitted from workshops and occasions for informal exchange organised by the Secretariat;
 - The size of CCEXEC makes this committee particularly suitable to deal with matters such as the monitoring and development of the Strategic Plan of the CAC, that require strategic vision;
 - CCEXEC discussions on Codex budgetary matters can only add value if held prior to decisions taken regarding the Codex budget by the parent organizations.
58. Members also noted that feedback to Codex Chairpersons could enhance their performance, which is crucial to success in the standard development process. Further ways to give feedback than those presently contained in the satisfaction survey might be needed.
59. Members expressed their appreciation for informal exchanges of experience (e.g. through workshops) and encouraged the Secretariat to continue to facilitate such opportunities. It was suggested that a joint informal meeting of the Chairpersons and the CCEXEC members could be useful to give mutual feedback.

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Appendix II**DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE 40th SESSION OF THE
CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION****CICG, Geneva, Switzerland****3 - 8 July 2017**

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1.	Adoption of the Agenda	CX/CAC 17/40/1
2.	Report by the Chairperson on the 72 nd and 73 rd Sessions of the Executive Committee	REP17/EXEC1 REP17/EXEC2
3.	Reports of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committees	Reports of Coordinating Committees
4.	Amendments to the Procedural Manual	CX/CAC 17/40/2
5.	Final adoption of Codex texts - Comments	CX/CAC 17/40/3 CX/CAC 17/40/4
6.	Adoption of Codex texts at Step 5 - Comments	CX/CAC 17/40/5 CX/CAC 17/40/6
7.	Revocation of Codex texts	CX/CAC 17/40/7
8.	Proposals for New Work	CX/CAC 17/40/8
9.	Discontinuation of Work	CX/CAC 17/40/9
10.	Amendments to Codex Standards and Related Texts	CX/CAC 17/40/10
11.	Regular Review of Codex Work Management*	CX/CAC 17/40/11
12.	Matters arising from the Reports of the Commission, the Executive Committee and the Subsidiary Bodies	CX/CAC 17/40/12
13.	Codex Budgetary and Financial Matters*	CX/CAC 17/40/13
14.1	FAO/WHO Scientific Support to Codex: report on activities and future work	CX/CAC 17/40/14
14.2	FAO/WHO Scientific Support to Codex: budgetary and financial matters*	CX/CAC 17/40/15
15.1	Matters Arising from FAO and WHO: policy and related matters	CX/CAC 17/40/16
15.2	FAO and WHO Capacity Development Activities: report on activities	CX/CAC 17/40/17

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15.3	Codex Trust Fund (CTF2): report on activities	CX/CAC 17/40/18
16.	Relations between the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other International Organizations	CX/CAC 17/40/19
17.	Election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Members of the Executive Committee elected on a geographical basis and appointment of the Coordinators	CX/CAC 17/40/20
18.	Designation of Countries responsible for Appointing the Chairpersons of Codex Subsidiary Bodies	CX/CAC 17/40/21
19.	Any Other Business	
20.	Adoption of the Report	

**DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE 73rd SESSION OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION**

WHO Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland

27 June - 30 June 2017

Item	Subject	Document
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3.	Regular Review of Codex Work Management**	CX/EXEC 17/73/3
4.	Revitalisation of Regional Coordinating Committees	CX/EXEC 17/73/4
5.1	Codex Strategic Plan 2014-2019 and Communication Strategy: Status of Implementation	CX/EXEC 17/73/5
5.2	Draft Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025	CX/EXEC 17/73/6
4	Committees working by correspondence	CX/EXEC 17/73/7
5.4	Codex and Sustainable Development Goals	CX/EXEC 17/73/8
6.1	Codex Budgetary and Financial Matters**	CX/EXEC 17/73/9
6.2	FAO/WHO Scientific Support to Codex: budgetary and financial matters**	CX/EXEC 17/73/10
7.	Relations between FAO and WHO Policies, Strategies and Guidelines and Codex Work	CX/EXEC 17/73/11
8.	Matters Arising from FAO and WHO	
9.	Applications from International Non-Governmental Organizations for Observer Status in Codex	
10.	Any Other Business	
11.	Adoption of the Report	

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