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TECHNICAL CONSULTATION ON LOW LEVELS OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED (GM) CROPS IN INTERNATIONAL FOOD AND FEED TRADE

Rome, Italy, 20 - 21 March 2014

Provisional agenda and timetable

Thursday, 20 March 2014

Morning: 9:00 hours

I. Opening session (Chair: Ren Wang)

Session chair

- Ren Wang, Assistant Director General, Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Opening speech

- Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director General, Natural Resources, FAO

Overview presentation

- José Falck-Zepeda, Senior Research Fellow/Leader Policy Team, Program for Biosafety Systems, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

Meeting objectives, the structure of the meeting and introduction of session chairs

- Renata Clarke, Senior Officer, Food Safety and Quality Unit, FAO

Codex task force on food derived from biotechnology and the issue of low level presence (LLP)

- Tom Heilandt, Officer-in-Charge, Codex Alimentarius Commission Secretary

Background information: working definitions of low level presence (LLP) and adventitious presence (AP); and FAO GM Foods Platform

- Masami Takeuchi, Food Safety Officer, Food Safety and Quality Unit, FAO

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II. Relevant international principles, guidelines and tools (Chair: Awa Aidara-Kane, World Health Organization [WHO])

Presentation by Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

- Peter Kearns, Principal Administrator, OECD

Presentation by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

- Alex Owusu-Biney, Global Environment Facility Coordination (GEF) Portfolio Manager for Biosafety, UNEP

Presentation by World Trade Organization (WTO)

- Christiane Wolff, Counsellor, Agriculture and Commodities Division, WTO

III. Low Level Presence (LLP)/Adventitious Presence (AP) incidents (Chair: Alex Owusu-Biney)

Introduction to the session and the LLP/AP incidents reported to FAO survey

- Masami Takeuchi, FAO

Country cases, Questions and Answers

- All

Lunch: 12:00 – 14:00 hours

Presentation by European Commission (EC)

- Dorothee Andre, Head of Unit Biotechnology and Plant Health, Directorate General for Health and Consumers (DG SANCO), EC

Presentation by Canada

- Frédéric Seppey, Director General for Trade Agreements and Negotiations, of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Canada

Presentation by Sudan

- Ula Abdelaziz Makkawi, Agriculture Engineer, Federal Ministry of Agriculture
- Quality control & export development Unit, Sudan

Presentation by the Philippines

- Antonio Alfonso, Program Coordinator, Department of Agriculture Biotech Program Implementation Unit, Philippines

Presentation by an Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)

- Michael Hansen, Senior Scientist, Consumers International/ Third World Network (TWN)

Presentation by an industry group

- Teresa Babuscio, Secretary General, European association representing the trade in cereals, rice, feedstuffs, oilseeds, olive oil, oils and fats and agrosupply trade (COCEAL)

Questions and Answers

- All

IV. Structured discussion session #1 (Chair: Peter Kearns)

Factors contributing to the occurrence of LLP/AP incidents

- Esther Kok, FAO international consultant

Structured discussion session #1: Various government perspectives and stakeholder perspectives on factors contributing to the occurrence of LLP/AP incidents

- All

Friday, 21 March 2014

Morning: 9:00 hours

Summary of Day 1

- Renata Clarke, FAO

V. Trade impact and economic analysis; food and feed regulatory issues (Chair: Christiane Wolff)

FAO Presentation: Trade, food prices and food security

- Jamie Morrison, Senior Officer, Trade and Markets Division, FAO

FAO presentation: Food and feed regulatory issues

- Gijs Kleter, FAO international consultant

Questions and Answers

VI. Structured discussion session #2 (Chair: Renata Clarke)

Structured discussion session #2: Policy and regulatory issues and relevant considerations

- All

Lunch: 12:00 – 14:00 hours

VII. Structured discussion session #3 (Chair: Awa Aidara-Kane)

Presentation by Bhutan: Challenges, needs and opportunities for developing countries - case of Bhutan

- Tashi Yangzom, Food Safety Officer, Bhutan Agriculture and Food Regulatory Authority (BAFRA), Bhutan

Structured discussion session #3: Needs and concerns of developing countries

- All

VIII. Structured discussion session #4 (Chair: Peter Kearns)

Structured discussion session #4: Future trends

IX. Structured discussion session #5 (Chair: Renata Clarke)

Structured discussion session #5: Common understanding on information/data needs for better understanding of the nature and extent of the issue

- All

X. Closing session (Chair: Ren Wang)

Summary of the meeting

- Renata Clarke, FAO

Closing remarks

- Ren Wang, FAO