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REPORT OF THE SIXTIETH SESSION

Addendum 1

Review Of The Work Area/ Standard Setting Process

Note by the secretariat: In 2005 a review of the work on agricultural quality standards is planned in order to develop recommendations to improve the work and to allow better planning of secretariat resources in the future. In order to provide input to this review, delegations are invited to fill in the following questionnaire.

NOTE: This questionnaire was created to review if services provided by UNECE in the area of agricultural quality standards could be improved. All answers will be treated confidentially and will not be attributed to individual respondents or delegations in the final report.

1 ABOUT YOUR DELEGATION

To assist us with any eventual queries we might have, please provide your name, delegation and a contact address.

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| Delegation / Name: |
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| Contact address for queries: |
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2 PARTICIPATION TO UNECE MEETINGS

Please indicate which meetings of the UNECE you participate in.

| I am a participant to the following meetings: | |
|--|--------------------------|
| Fresh Fruit and Vegetables (GE.1) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Dry and Dried Produce (GE.2) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Seed Potatoes (GE.6) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Meat (GE.11) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Working Party (WP.7) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please elaborate) | |

3 USE MADE OF UNECE STANDARDS IN YOUR COUNTRY/ ORGANISATION

Please indicate if and to which extent UNECE Standards or standards of another organisation that are harmonized with UNECE Standards are used in your country/ by your organisation.

Degree of implementation:

Please indicate if the standards have been implemented in legislation (mandatory) or are used in trade as a reference for buyers and sellers (voluntary). If possible indicate how many standards are used.

Stage of trade:

Please state in which stage the standards are used.

| | Degree of implementation | | | Stage of trade | | | |
|--|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Mandatory | Voluntary as reference | Very little implemented | Export | Import | Retail | Don't know |
| Fresh Fruit and Vegetables (GE.1) | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Dry and Dried Produce (GE.2) | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Seed Potatoes (GE.6) | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Meat (GE.11) | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Comments:

4 FUTURE IMPORTANCE OF DIFFERENT WORK AREAS

Please indicate, which of the following work areas should receive more/less attention in the future.

| Work area | Should receive more attention | Should be maintained as it is | Should receive less attention | No opinion |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Fresh Fruit and Vegetables | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Dry and Dried Produce | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Seed Potatoes | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Meat | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Comments:

5 NEW WORK

Please indicate if you think that new work should be undertaken or old work be revived on the following subjects.

| Work area | Should be done | Should not be done | No opinion |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Pulses | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fish | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Eggs and egg products | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cut flowers | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Comments:

6 OTHER NEW WORK

Is there any other new work that should be done and how would you rate its importance (high, medium, low)?

7 USEFULNESS OF THE WORK

Please rate the overall usefulness of the work in different areas.

| Work area | Not useful | Somewhat useful | Useful | Very useful | Extremely useful | No opinion |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Fresh Fruit and Vegetables | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Dry and Dried Produce | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Seed Potatoes | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Meat | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Overall usefulness of the work area | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Comments:

8 WORK OF THE SECRETARIAT

The table contains an estimate of how secretariat time was spent in 2004. Please indicate if you would change anything to this use of time.

| Work area | Time 2004 % | Should receive more attention | Should be maintained as it is | Should receive less attention | No opinion |
|--|-------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Preparation/Service/Follow-up of official meetings (including time for various administrative tasks) | 48 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Website publishing | 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cooperation OECD | 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cooperation Codex | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Preparation of seminars/workshops | 13 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cooperation WHO | 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Preparation of paper publications (Meat) | 13 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Different missions | 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Comments:

9 OTHER WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE SECRETARIAT

Is there any other work that you believe should be undertaken by the secretariat and what importance would you give to this work (high, medium, low)?

10 THE STANDARD SETTING PROCESS

| The standard setting process in WP.7 | Do not agree | Agree somewhat | Agree mainly | Agree | Agree completely | No opinion |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Is adequate | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Should be quicker | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Takes into account all relevant opinions | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is too complicated | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is transparent | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Comments:

11 IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT

Do you have any suggestions as to what could be improved in the standards setting process within WP.7?
