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ANALYSIS OF AGENDA ITEMS IN PREPARATION FOR THE 53rd SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDE RESIDUES

4th – 8th and 13th July 2022 | Virtual Meeting

Further work of Interest for the Arab Region

Agenda item 4(b)

Matters arising from other international organizations.

Objectives

This document offers a review and analysis of the agenda items planned for discussion at the 53rd session of the **Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)**, scheduled to take place virtually July 4th – 8th and 13th, 2022. This document is intended for possible use by the Codex communities of practice, promoted by [GForSS](#) and [PARERA](#), as part of their contribution to enhancing awareness and supporting effective participation in international food standard setting meetings (Codex meetings) by representatives from members and observers.

The analysis provided in this document offers a factual review of agenda items, their background and a discussion of some considerations. This analysis is indicative in nature and does not represent an official position of the organizations mentioned above ([PARERA](#) and [GForSS](#)), their membership or their management. It provides a synthesis and analysis of the work currently under discussion by the CCPR, which may be useful for delegations from Arab countries to prepare their positions taking into account the needs and specificity of the region and the potential impact of the proposed food standards.

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The aim of this document is to give more information about additional work and activities currently ongoing within the CCPR53 and which may be of interest for the Arab region.

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This item falls within the framework of the collaborative work ongoing between CCPR, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), through the “Joint FAO/IAEA Centre” and Member Countries, and that to contribute to food security and sustainable agricultural development by use of nuclear techniques and biotechnology.

The Centre carries out its activities through coordinating and supporting research, providing laboratory services and applied research, training and capacity building through its Food Safety and Control Laboratory at Seibersdorf, Austria, as well as collecting, analyzing and disseminating information for the effective transfer of skills, knowledge and technology.

The Joint FAO/IAEA Centre also provides technical support for national, regional and interregional technical cooperation and capacity building projects in the field of food safety and control.

The Joint FAO/IAEA Centre promotes the creation of regional laboratory/food safety networks as a mechanism to enhance capacity building, including the Latin American and Caribbean Analytical Network, the African Food Safety Network and a food safety network in Asia. These networks provide a platform for sharing knowledge and experiences and carry out a wide range of activities, including transfer of analytical methodology, proficiency testing, interlaboratory comparisons and benchmarking. More than 200 institutes from approximately 90 countries are currently involved in the networks.

The ongoing activities, carried out by the Joint FAO/IAEA:

- ❖ **36 Ongoing IAEA Technical Cooperation Projects supported by the Joint FAO/IAEA Center and relevant to CCPR’s work;**
- ❖ **Technology Transfer and Capacity Enhancement**
 - Supporting analytical laboratories
 - Regional multi-stakeholder workshops/conferences
 - Training on Residue Analysis
 - Publication of Analytical Methods Manual for Control of Chemical Food Hazards

Interest for the Arab region

The Arab region can benefit from the support offered by the center, to enhance its capacities in analytical sciences and can ask for technical cooperation and support, even through the signature of agreements, in accordance to its needs, in relation to the expertise provided by the center.

Consideration will be made to have a closer collaboration between the Centre and the newly created section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL in the Arab region, to create an Arab Food Safety Laboratory Network.

