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Communication from Colombia

The following communication, dated 25 May 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Colombia.

1 CONTEXT – TBT AGREEMENT

1.1. The provisions governing the preparation, adoption and application of standards are contained in Article 4 of the TBT Agreement and the Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards (the Code of Good Practice).

1.2. Articles 2.4, 2.5, 5.4 and Paragraph F of Annex 3 of the Agreement promote the use of relevant international standards, guides and recommendations as a basis for standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures.

1.3. Articles 2.6, 5.5 and Paragraph G of Annex 3 emphasize the importance of Members' participation in international standardization activities related to products for which they have either adopted, or expect to adopt, technical regulations

2 PROPOSAL

2.1. Colombia proposes that the TBT Committee conduct a thematic session in 2022 during which Codex Alimentarius will present an update on its standardization activities, the most recent standards and those to be issued. We suggest that, at this session, a discussion be held on national experiences regarding the manner in which Members incorporate Codex Alimentarius international standards into their regulatory processes. We also propose sharing experiences and best practices on how WTO Members, particularly developing country Members, can participate actively in the preparation of standards within Codex Alimentarius.
