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Dear CCCF Delegates,

In this second letter, I would like to share new updates for our upcoming session of CCCF.

First and foremost, I would like to announce that following this 19th edition I will be stepping down as Chair of CCCF. This decision comes as I embark on a new professional challenge in Berlin, Germany, where I will be taking up a position as Counsellor for Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature at the Embassy of The Netherlands. Although I very much look forward to seeing you all for the last time in Egypt, I would like to take this opportunity to say what an honour and privilege it has been to work with all of you, and to help shape and develop this wonderful Committee over the course of six editions. I am truly grateful for the trust, cooperation and dedication that have characterised our work.

My departure also means that a new Chair will take on this important role. I am very pleased to announce that Dr. Susanne Sütterlin will be your new Chair for CCCF20. Susanne is assigned as Head of Unit Food Safety and Chief Phytosanitary Officer for the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature of the Netherlands. A biologist by training, she brings extensive experience from research, industry and a number of senior roles in government service.

An interview with her will be published on the Codex website shortly.

To ensure a smooth, seamless and warm transition, Susanne will act as Co-chair during CCCF19. In this way, we can ensure continuity in our work and maintain the high level of commitment and professionalism that has characterised the Committee to date.

This brings me to our preparedness for CCCF19. Together with our co-host, Egypt, we are well underway with preparations for the upcoming session and would like to share the following updates:

- we invite you all to join the opening reception in Sofitel at 19:00 on Monday 19th October.
- Heads of Delegation are welcome to join a dinner on Wednesday 21st October. A personalised invitation will follow.

Before the official session begins on the Monday, we are pleased to offer an engaging programme on Sunday 18 th October in Sofitel, organized in collaboration with the FAO and WHO regional offices.

- At 11:00 there will be a WHO training session on the GEMS/Food contaminants database, in which the new updates on the database will also be shared.
- In the afternoon, between 13:00 and 17:00, there will be an event on 'New findings in the region', covering both the Global Burden of Foodborne disease estimates and new mycotoxin research in the region.
- In addition, there will be an industry side event on plastics recycling during lunch on Wednesday.

I would additionally like to highlight the pre-session virtual working group meetings on 7th October, with an extra optional timeslot planned on 8th October. Please see the CCCF19 webpage for details.

As indicated in my first letter, CCCF19 will be webcast in English, French, Spanish and Arabic, and remote participation will be available via Zoom. However, I encourage delegates to attend in person to ensure full participation and interaction with other attendees. Please note that the session will continue without remote access if the Zoom connection is lost. Participants are kindly requested to register through their Codex Contact Points, and to specify whether they will attend in person or remotely.

Please ensure that you initiate your visa procedures well in advance. For guidance, please consult “Information for Participants”, which is available on the CCCF19 webpage. This document also contains information on hotel accommodation and other travel arrangements. Please check the CCCF19 webpage regularly for further updates and relevant information.

I also strongly recommend participating in the [Codex FAO Academy](#) online course, particular the section on risk assessment.

I look forward to seeing you - either in person or on screen - again in Cairo!

Yours sincerely,



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