

ROK statement on item 15.3, Food Safety

Thank you, (Mr./Madam) Chair. I would like to thank everyone who works hard to ensure food safety in all of the Member States.

Republic of Korea would like to support all efforts and responsibilities of WHO to ensure food safety by through sustainable food production environment for future generation.

All Member States should collaborate to deal with recent emerging challenges facing food safety, such as use of new technology; big data, artificial intelligence and so on. For this, it is important to implement food safety guidelines developed by WHO/FAO, to strengthen of national food safety regulation and food safety system, and to facilitate food safety information sharing.

First, I believe that food safety management guidelines provided by WHO/FAO suggest general guidances to all the member states in spite of its difficulty to apply uniform policies for every country in a different situation on food safety and in a cultural diversity.

Second, for reinforcing food safety regulations and food safety system following a One-Health approach, it is important for using of National Food Control System Assessment Tool and Manual on Strengthening the Surveillance of, and Response to Foodborne Disease developed by

WHO/FAO, and additional tools should be developing. And we do more effort to minimize antimicrobial resistance.

Third, recognizing that the exchange of information on food safety across borders becomes more significant, it is important to participate in and utilize International Network of Food Safety Authorities (INFOSAN) and Food Safety Collaborative platform (FOSCOLLAB) which shares risk assessment data.

Republic of Korea will actively participate and cooperate with WHO Member States to ensure global food safety. Thank you.