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**Title : ACCELERATING EFFORTS ON FOOD SAFETY**

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**b. EB146.R9 - RESOLUTION FOR ENDORSEMENT**

**Intervention Note :**

Malaysia reaffirms our commitment to ensure food safety by continuously strengthening our national food control system and working together in the region and globally, recognizing the importance of a holistic and integrated approach in food supply chain and evidence-based food safety measures towards achieving modern and advanced national food control system.

We support WHO to continue facilitating and supporting Member States in developing and implementing food safety policies especially in understanding food and agricultural sciences for food safety risk assessment, usage of new technologies in food safety, and exchange of knowledge and expertise.

Malaysia places great importance to the work of Codex Alimentarius Commission in setting international food safety standard and has been adopting Codex standards and guidelines to our system. We will pursue our commitments in Codex's work through active participation, hosting and chairing of the Codex Committee on Fats and Oils and also in contributing to the Codex Trust Fund. Strengthening WHO capacities and resources in Codex programme is fully supported.

Some focus area for Malaysia in years to come includes strengthening responsible advertisement, empowering micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), combatting antimicrobial resistant and management of e-commerce, digital technologies, new scientific discoveries and product innovations. We believe every individual throughout the food supply chain is important and has a role in ensuring food safety. Food safety is everyone's business. Malaysia will continuously strengthen our food safety control system including through availability of scientific data, innovative strategies, good regulatory practices, enhance capacity in responding to food safety risk, fostering partnerships with stakeholders and revitalized our food safety communications and education programs.

Finally, Malaysia welcomes the UN's declaration on World Food Safety Day which reflects the acknowledgement on the importance of food safety and creates visibility worldwide. Malaysia has celebrated our second year of the national World Food Safety Day on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 using live streaming as new norm during the pandemic.

Malaysia fully supports the endorsement of WHA resolution in strengthening efforts on food safety.