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**Discussion Paper on the Development of Maximum Levels for Mycotoxins
in Spices and possible Prioritization of Work
(CX/CF 16/10/14)**

*European Union Competence
European Union Vote*

The European Union (EU) welcomes and appreciates the work done by the electronic Working Group chaired by India and co-chaired by the European Union and Indonesia on the discussion paper on the development of maximum levels for mycotoxins in spices and possible prioritisation of work.

The EU can agree with the conclusions in §4 and the recommendation in §5 of document CX/CF 16/10/14.

As regards the project documents provided for in Appendix II and III, the EU wishes to indicate that in both project documents, it is indicated that "*Scientific risk assessment by JECFA might be required*" (respectively in point 7 and 8). Therefore the proposed timeline for completion of work in both project document (respectively in point 9 and 10) has to be adapted in function of the timing of the availability of the JECFA risk assessment. Taking this into account, 2017 as possible date for completion of the work is in any case too early.

Furthermore, the EU suggests that the CCCF considers to first start new work on the establishment of maximum levels for mycotoxins in dried or dehydrated forms of chilli, paprika, ginger, nutmeg, pepper and turmeric before initiating the new work on the establishment of maximum levels for mycotoxins in dried and dehydrated forms of caraway, celery seed, cloves, coriander seed, garlic and fenugreek.