

# CODEX COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDE RESIDUES (CCPR53)

European Union Comments on

## AGENDA ITEM 18

Enhancing operational procedures of JMPR and CCPR to eliminate the backlog of evaluations and meet the future demand of establishment CXLs

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### **European Union Competence European Union Vote**

The European Union (EU) would like to thank CropLife International for preparing the discussion paper.

The EU agrees with the problems described in the discussion paper. The EU acknowledges that there are many challenges that need to be solved and there is no single solution that can solve all the problems immediately. Therefore the EU supports further discussions on possible solutions and their practical implementation, in particular with a view to substantially decreasing the backlog of periodic reviews and addressing the possible higher demand of establishment of CXLs for new substances and uses in the future.

The EU supports the establishment of an Electronic Working Group (eWG). Within this eWG, all proposals made to resolve the backlog of evaluations should be collected. As a next step, the advantages and disadvantages of all proposals should be highlighted and the proposals should be ranked. After adoption of the document, the results should be brought to the attention of FAO and WHO.