AGENDA ITEM 10b – DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE CCASIA 2015 - 2020

General Comments

India is of the opinion that the strategic plan for CCASIA is in line with the objectives of the agenda and further strengthens the effectiveness of the FAO/WHO coordinating committees for ASIA in fulfilling its responsibilities to its member countries and its contribution to the work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. The proposed timeframe, structure and elements of the draft strategic plan are generally in order.

Specific Comments

Appendix I

OBJECTIVE 1:

Action 1.2

The text should be amended as follows:

‘Encourage member countries to formulate national positions and participate in relevant sessions of CAC and/or its subsidiary bodies.’

Rationale: The national positions will be formulated by individual member countries and the same cannot be done by CCASIA. The proposed revised text would be consistent with the related text in the Reporting Form provided in the Annex to the draft Strategic Plan

OBJECTIVE 3:

Action 3.1

The text should be amended as follows:

‘Encourage member countries to conduct surveys or exchange views with relevant stakeholders in member countries to capture interests

and needs for the development and/or review of Codex standards and related texts’

Rationale: The responsibility of conducting surveys and exchanging information with relevant stakeholders is expected to be on member countries and not on CCASIA.