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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE – RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE

Submission by Kenya

Addendum

Technical assistance <u>requirements</u>:					
	Information	Training	Infrastructure: (Hard and/or Soft)	Specific concern	Other
Rights, obligations and practical operation of the SPS Agreement:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy level • Technical level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to the WTO and international trading system - Importance of the SPS Agreement in international trade - Introduction to the work of Codex and IPPC - Importance of the appropriate level of sanitary protection, non-discriminatory trade measures, analysis of trade disputes cases relating to SPS measures, work of standard-setting bodies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application of provisions on transparency - Recognition of equivalence and regionalization - Harmonization of requirements - Risk analysis - Dispute settlement procedures - Analysis of disputes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advice in the establishment/ revision of national harmonization with international norms and guidelines - Public awareness with regard to SPS measures - Establishment of a database for the notification system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need for cooperation with public and private agencies on SPS concerns 	
Food safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring of pesticide residues in agriculture for MRLs compliance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good agricultural practices for the producer - Codex Committees on pesticide residue standards and data base generation - Residue analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Survey and monitoring tools, computers and transport - Equipment - Capacity building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishing national MRLs and PHI database - Ensuring food safety and compliance to international MRLs stringent measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Systems of accreditation and certification of safe products to ensure national trade credibility
Animal health					

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Plant health	- Review and updating of national regulatory framework	- Sensitisation of inspectors, policy makers, stakeholders in Plant Health Industry on linkages between technical and legal flow plus the consequences thereof	- Facilitation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultancy expenses (legal & technical) • Computer and relevant accessories 	- Compliance with the international regulatory framework - Creation of appropriate administrative structures	- Enhance the transparency process and action - Coordinated/harmonized systems
	- Pest Risk Analysis (PRA)	- Training of inspectors on methodologies of PRA, information access/retrieval Generation of pest risk analysis information	- Capacity building: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel • Equipment 	- Establishing of a pest list - Establishing pest free areas - Categorization of pests based on risks	- The information is essential for guaranteed exports of plant products e.g. fresh produce
	- Improve and increase inspectors technical capability	- General training on WTO – SPS compliance requirements - Training in technical fields	- Installation of diagnostic laboratory facilities at exit/entry points including fumigation equipment - Upgrading of existing phytosanitary inspection facilities - Development of harmonized phytosanitary measures and risk management procedures	- Improving the degree of phytosanitary compliance including accreditation	
	- Creation of National Database for other countries import requirements	- Information technology	- Computers and relevant accessories		
	- Seed health	- Standard laboratory techniques	- Laboratory seed testing equipment and facilities	- Identification of seed borne quarantine pests	

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(Such information could include, inter alia, a more detailed description of the technical assistance required, any relevant background information on the reasons for the request, the possibility of using a regional approach to the provision of the requested assistance and the scope for a coordinated approach among relevant international organizations.)

1. Training of staff of the relevant government agencies that handle exports in line with the country's obligations under the WTO/SPS Agreement.
2. Installation of modern inspection facilities to ensure prompt and efficient sanitary/phytosanitary service or meet the importing country's requirements, e.g. new European Union requirements such as the Council Directive (2002/29/EC) on protective measures against the introduction and spread into the Community of organisms harmful to plant products. This includes equipment for treatment and fumigation.
3. Funding to undertake Pest Risk Analysis surveys and regular updating of existing PRA information as well as carrying out Risk Assessment to determine level of SPS measure/protection.
4. Funding for participation in relevant international standard-setting organizations.
5. Harmonization of SPS measures both regionally and internationally and also develop monitoring procedures including public awareness on the need to adhere to WTO/SPS Agreement.
6. Facilitation of international accreditation of relevant laboratories and staff to undertake required tests for produce to meet market requirements.