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Sir,

WHO Draft Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity And Health

Attach herewith the comments for WHO Draft Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health for your perusal, written by Dr. A'Aisah bt Senin, Principal Assistant Director, Quality Food Control Division, Ministry of Health Malaysia.

Thank you.

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General comments.

There should be a mention of hazards in food which could contribute to non-communicable diseases such as, increased carcinogenic risk, chronic poisoning & toxicity as well as allergies. The challenge today is to ensure that food is wholesome and free from hazards and contamination which can affect health.

Specific Comments :

Page 7, Para 22, Bullet 4

It was noted that 'Food Safety' was mentioned in the section on Principles for. It could be further elaborated that ensuring food safety should be the responsibility of all stakeholders from 'Farm to Table'.

Para 34 Page 10

Developing countries particularly lacks the ability to agree or comply to the requirement of this paragraph and would require external funding.

Para 35 (2) page 11

Proposed to add statement that refer to effective enforcement on the part of the government and continue to monitor misuse of advertising food.

Page 11,Para 35(3)

Accurate and relevant Food Labeling provides diet related and nutrient content informations for consumers to make fully informed choice. Effective Legislation and enforcement ensure industry compliance.

Sustainable education and aggressive promotion on food labeling will ensure successful implementation.

Page 11, Para 35 (4) Health Claim

Proposed to add nutrition function claim and its differences to "Health Claim" and how effective legislation can help consumers.

Page 11, Para 36

Propose 2 other areas for action :

- 'Comprehensive Food Safety Policy' which would ensure that states undertake programmes to address all issues related to food safety in a consistent and comprehensive approach.
- Adequate standards and legal infrastructure: This is to ensure that countries have the necessary legal framework based on international standards and guidelines where necessary in order to promote safe foods and healthy diets.

Page 15, Para 47, Bullet 1 and Bullet 3

It is proposed to add 'food safety' after the word 'diet'.

Page 17, Para 50, Bullet 3

It is proposed to add 'safe' after the word 'affordable'.