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**Agenda Item: 5.6 TMAP**

**Subject: QSR Process Evaluation**

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WSB 18 decided to perform a process evaluation of the production of the Quality Status Report QSR 2016. Mr. Pieter de Lezenne Coulander (former director within the Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority, part of the ministry of Economic Affairs) was nominated to perform this evaluation independently. His nomination was accepted and supported by the Task Group Management and Monitoring (TGMM). The concept report was presented and discussed in the TG-MM 19 meeting in Bremen end of October 2017. Attached is the final QSR 2016 evaluation document (separate pdf file).

The main findings and recommendations of Mr. Coulander (which is supported by the TG-MM) is:

* *The financial support for the QSR requires upgrading to nowadays circumstances; Current financial resources need expansion, not necessarily only from the involved governments.*
* *Prepare a comprehensive QSR project description to address most of the reported processing challenges; The founding fathers knew and had ‘authority’ without a project description how to manage and find solutions in their network but circumstances changed substantially making those old solutions outdated.*
* *Within the production process too much time is wasted, due to defective coordination and follow-up; Too much is within CWSS with a shortage on staff. This cannot be addressed by money alone but needs a more focussed spirit by all contributors on the schedule and a clear assignment of tasks.*
* *The use of the TMAP database requires an additional decision/evaluation.*
* *The intention to convert to a web based QSR is well accepted, however a rolling scheme needs further elaboration.*
* *The QSR is still a very well respected product, maintaining that level requires also scientific focus.*

**Proposal: The meeting is invited to consider the findings and conclusions and to endorse that TG-MM, following the MC-13 and in due time before the next QSR, prepares a comprehensive next-generation QSR project description.**

\*the revision concerns only the cover note