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Mrs Awilo Ochieng Pernet studied law, human nutrition and international food regulatory affairs. She is a senior advisor on international matters related to food safety, nutrition, water and veterinary issues at the Swiss Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office.

Mrs Ochieng Pernet has been heavily involved in food standards, Codex, food safety, food quality and nutrition since 1999. She has actively engaged in the work of the FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) in various capacities, including among others, CAC Chairperson (2014-2017), CAC Vice-Chairperson (2011-2014), Chairperson of the Codex Regional Coordinating Committee for Europe, CCEURO (2005-2009), Chairperson of the Codex Committee on Natural Mineral Waters (2007-2009), Chairperson of numerous Codex Physical and Electronic Working Groups on various subjects e.g. food hygiene, food labelling, food additives, contaminants in food, fats and oils, traceability, etc. She also chaired the WHO Nutrition Counterparts' Meeting. Mrs Ochieng Pernet is a regular chairperson, speaker and facilitator at international, regional and national food standards/Codex, WTO-SPS/TBT, food safety, nutrition and water conferences and she is an invited lecturer at renowned universities. Passionate about sharing knowledge and best practices and promoting inter and intra-regional collaboration and cooperation, Mrs Ochieng Pernet has officiated as a main trainer in numerous national and regional FAO/WHO, WTO-SPS/TBT, Codex, food safety and nutrition capacity building Workshops and Seminars in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Europe, Latin America, the Near East and the South-West Pacific since 2004. She has chaired the 3R International Symposium on Alternatives to CO<sub>2</sub> in 2018 and 2019.

In 2011, Mrs Ochieng Pernet spearheaded the organisation of the Codex 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ministerial and High-level celebrations, which took place in Rome (Italy) in July 2013. She pioneered the World Food Safety Day initiative in Amsterdam (NL) on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015. On 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018, the 73<sup>rd</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly in New York (USA) proclaimed 7<sup>th</sup> June World Food Safety Day.

Mrs Ochieng Pernet is a staunch advocate of “food safety for inclusive health, wealth and socio-economic development”.