



## ICA General Assembly, Seoul (Korea) Resolutions Adopted 17 October 2001

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### **Food Safety**

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The ICA General Assembly,

NOTES that one of the outcomes of the globalising economy is the harmonisation of national food safety standards by international bodies inter alia the FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission,

COMMENDS the ICA for taking initiatives to protect consumer rights and safeguard consumer health by its participation in international bodies dealing with food safety issues,

RECOGNISES the need to push governments and international standards organisations in formulating the international standard to secure food safety,

CALLS ON its member organisations to strengthen the business efforts to provide safe and reliable food and the international co-operation among them,

ASKS that member organisations urge governments and international standards organisations to enhance public trust in food by inter alia:

1. establishing updated legislation and social system for securing food safety to safeguard the public health and intensify the international co-operation concerning food safety;
2. promoting active participation of consumer representatives in policy-making and ensure the transparency of decisions; and intensify such measures in standard setting organizations; and
3. conducting the extensive pre-market evaluation and environmental assessment when introducing Genetically Modified foods, require clear and explicit labelling of GM foods and establish the social system for ensuring IP handling and traceability in the distribution process as a prerequisite for labelling.

PLEDGES to establish consumer rights in food safety and safeguard consumer health, by intensifying efforts to:

1. take initiatives so that consumer health becomes a priority in food standard setting organizations;
2. strengthen the international exchange of information and consultation among co-operatives on the various topics concerning food safety.