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**Agenda Item 10**

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## **JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME**

### **FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR NORTH AMERICA AND THE SOUTH WEST PACIFIC**

14<sup>th</sup> Session

Port Vila, Vanuatu, 19 - 22 September 2016

#### **NOMINATION OF THE COORDINATOR**

1. The procedures governing the appointment of a Coordinator, as amended by the 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission (2007) and approved by the Directors-General of FAO and WHO, are laid down in Rule IV of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.
2. The amended Rule IV) reads as follows:
  - "IV.1 The Commission may appoint a Coordinator from among the Members of the Commission for any of the geographic locations enumerated in Rule III.1 (hereinafter referred to as "regions") or for any group of countries specifically enumerated by the Commission (hereinafter referred to as "groups of countries"), whenever it may find, on the basis of a proposal of a majority of the Members of the Commission which constitute the region or group, that work for the Codex Alimentarius in the countries concerned so requires.
  - IV.2 Appointment of Coordinators shall be made exclusively on the proposal of a majority of the Members of the Commission which constitute the region or group of countries concerned. In principle, they shall be nominated at each session of the relevant Coordinating Committee established under Rule XI.1(b)(ii), and appointed at the following regular session of the Commission. They shall hold office from the end of this session. Coordinators may be reappointed for a second term. The Commission shall make such arrangements as may be necessary in order to ensure continuity in the functions of the Coordinators.
  - IV.3 The functions of the Coordinators shall be:
    - (a) to appoint the Chairperson of the Coordinating Committee where such committee has been set up under Rule XI.1(b)(ii) for the region or group of countries concerned;
    - (b) to assist and coordinate the work of the Codex Committees set up under Rules XI.1(b)(i) in their region or group of countries in the preparation of draft standards, guidelines and other recommendations for submission to the Commission.
    - (c) to assist the Executive Committee and the Commission, as required, by advising them of the views of countries and recognized regional intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in their respective regions on matters under discussion or of interest.
3. In accordance with Rule V.1 of the Rules of Procedure, as amended by the 28<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission (2005), the Coordinators serve as members in the Executive Committee, together with the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons as well as seven further members elected on a geographic basis. The geographic locations enumerated in Rule V.1 are as follows: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Near East, North America and the South-West Pacific. The same Rule provides that not more than one delegate from any one country shall be a member of the Executive Committee.

4. At the time of writing, 14 countries in the Region of North America and the South-West Pacific are members of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. These countries are:

|                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Australia                       | New Zealand              |
| Canada                          | Papua New Guinea         |
| Cook Islands                    | Samoa                    |
| Fiji                            | Solomon Islands          |
| Kiribati                        | Tonga                    |
| Micronesia, Federated States of | United States of America |
| Nauru                           | Vanuatu                  |

5. The Commission, at its 38<sup>th</sup> Session (6 -11 July 2015), appointed Vanuatu as Coordinator for North America and the South-West Pacific (REP15/CAC, para. 185). Vanuatu having served for one term, two years by July 2017, will be eligible for re-appointment. A full list of CCNASWP Coordinators is given in the Table below.

6. The Committee **is invited** to nominate a Coordinator for North America and the South West Pacific (one of the Member countries on the list above) for appointment by the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission (TBA, 1 - 5 July 2017).

CCNASWP Coordinators

| Coordinator           | Country     | Year of appointment | CAC Session          | Duration appointment                              |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Dr Lester Crawford    | USA         | 1989                | 18 <sup>th</sup> CAC | from end 18 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> CAC |
| Mr Digby Gascoine     | Australia   | 1991                | 19 <sup>th</sup> CAC | from end 19 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> CAC |
| Mrs Katherine Gourlie | Canada      | 1993                | 20 <sup>th</sup> CAC | from end 20 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> CAC |
| Mr P.J. O'Hara        | New Zealand | 1995                | 21 <sup>st</sup> CAC | from end 21 <sup>st</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> CAC |
| Mr Thomas Billy       | USA         | 1997                | 22 <sup>nd</sup> CAC | from end 22 <sup>nd</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> CAC |
| Mr Geoff Gorrie       | Australia   | 1999                | 23 <sup>rd</sup> CAC | from end 23 <sup>rd</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> CAC |
| Canada                |             | 2001                | 24 <sup>th</sup> CAC | from end 24 <sup>th</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> CAC |
| Samoa                 |             | 2003                | 26 <sup>th</sup> CAC | from end 26 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> CAC |
| Samoa                 |             | 2005                | 28 <sup>th</sup> CAC | from end 28 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> CAC |
| Tonga                 |             | 2007                | 30 <sup>th</sup> CAC | from end 30 <sup>th</sup> to 32 <sup>nd</sup> CAC |
| Tonga                 |             | 2009                | 32 <sup>nd</sup> CAC | from end 32 <sup>nd</sup> to 34 <sup>th</sup> CAC |
| Papua New Guinea      |             | 2011                | 34 <sup>th</sup> CAC | from end 34 <sup>th</sup> to 36 <sup>th</sup> CAC |
| Papua New Guinea      |             | 2013                | 36 <sup>th</sup> CAC | From end 36 <sup>th</sup> to 38 <sup>th</sup> CAC |
| Vanuatu               |             | 2015                | 38 <sup>th</sup> CAC | From end 38 <sup>th</sup> to 40 <sup>th</sup> CAC |