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**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WHO GLOBAL STRATEGY ON DIET, PHYSICAL
ACTIVITY AND HEALTH:**

**CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES RELATED TO MANDATORY NUTRITION
LABELLING**

COMMENTS FROM:

**CANADA
MALI**

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WHO GLOBAL STRATEGY ON DIET, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND HEALTH:**CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES RELATED TO MANDATORY NUTRITION LABELLING****CANADA:**

Canada would like to thank Australia for their work in developing this discussion paper listing issues related to mandatory nutrition labelling and some potential approaches. Canada has experienced the transition to a mandatory nutrition labelling in the past ten years. As part of the construction of the current nutrition labelling system, Canada had to consider most issues listed in the paper and chose strategies that could help mitigate many of these issues. Canada supports the addition of the discussion paper as an appendix to the report of the 38th session, but would propose that this be the basis for work that was proposed to be undertaken by the FAO at the 37th session on developing guidance for implementing nutrition labelling requirements. If required, Canada would be pleased to provide further comments to the paper.

MALI:

Mali congratulates Australia for having prepared the discussion paper. Mali supports this discussion paper which can become a tool for the implementation of mandatory or voluntary nutrition labelling by governments.