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**Agenda Item 10**

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

### **CODEX COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

#### **12<sup>th</sup> Session**

**Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 13 – 16 February 2001**

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

1. The Rules governing the appointment of a Coordinator, as amended by the 23rd Session of the Commission (1999) and approved by the Directors-General of FAO and WHO, are laid down in the 11th Edition of the Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Rule II.4) as follows:

"4. a) 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.

b) Appointments 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. Coordinators shall hold office from the end of the session of the Commission at which they were appointed until not later than the end of the third succeeding regular session, the precise term being determined by the Commission in each instance. After having served two consecutive terms, the Coordinators shall be ineligible to hold such office for the next succeeding term.

c) The functions of the Coordinators shall be:

(i) to assist and coordinate the work of the Codex Committees set up under Rules IX.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.

(ii) 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.

d) In order to carry out their functions, Coordinators shall participate in the Executive Committee as Observers."

2. The geographic locations enumerated in Rule III.1, as amended by the Commission at its 23rd Session, are as follows: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Near East, North America and the South-West Pacific.

3. At the time of writing, 30 countries in the Region of Latin America and the Caribbean are members of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. These countries are:

Antigua and Barbuda	Dominican Republic	Nicaragua
Argentina	Ecuador	Panama
Barbados	El Salvador	Paraguay
Belize	Grenada	Peru
Bolivia	Guatemala	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Brazil	Guyana	Saint Lucia
Chile	Haiti	Suriname
Colombia	Honduras	Trinidad and Tobago
Costa Rica	Jamaica	Uruguay
Cuba	Mexico	Venezuela

4. The Commission, at its 23<sup>rd</sup> Session, appointed Lic. Luís Emilio Felíz Roa as Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean to serve in that capacity from the end of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Session to the end of the 24<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission. However, the Dominican Republic has recently appointed Dr. Joaquín Rodríguez, President of the National Codex Committee, Secretary of Public Health and Social Assistance, as new Coordinator for the Region.

5. The Commission at its 23<sup>rd</sup> Session amended the Rules of Procedure governing the appointment of coordinators. They are no longer appointed *ad personam*; instead a Member country is appointed as Coordinator and that country designates the Chairperson of the Coordinating Committee. The Committee is therefore invited to nominate a Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean (one of the Member countries on the list above) for appointment by the 24<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission. Under Rule II.4(b), Coordinators may serve two consecutive terms