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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES¹

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 28TH AND 29TH SESSIONS OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION (FOR ACTION)

A. Review of the Regional Coordinating Committees (28th CAC)²

1. The Commission agreed to reassert the important role the Coordinating Committees play in furthering the objectives of the Commission and encourage countries to participate more actively and effectively in the work of Coordinating Committees. The Commission further **agreed to encourage** Coordinating Committees to consider any particular items regarding problems arising from food control, food safety concerns and approaches for strengthening food regulatory systems, in accordance with the terms of reference of the Committees and preferably in consultation of the Regional Offices of FAO and WHO.
2. The Commission agreed that Coordinating Committees **were invited** to keep under review their programme of work, taking into account priorities of Committees' work.
3. The Commission agreed to retain the current periodicity of meetings of Coordinating Committees and **invited** Coordinating Committees to consider the use of complementary mechanisms which would improve regional and/or sub-regional communication and coordination.
4. The Commission **agreed to encourage** Regional Coordinators, FAO and WHO to consider organizing relevant regional events such as seminars or workshops in conjunction with the sessions of Coordinating Committees.
5. **The Committee is invited to consider the above recommendations and express their view as appropriate.**

¹ This document contains information on matters arising from the 28th and 29th Sessions of the Codex Alimentarius Commission that require specific action by FAO/WHO Coordinating Committees. The Codex Secretariat will report verbally on matters of horizontal nature as appropriate to the discussion of the Committee.

² ALINORM 05/28/41, paras. 128-135.

B. Strategic Plan 2008 - 2013 (29th CAC)³

6. The Commission, concurring to the recommendations made by the Executive Committee⁴, agreed that:
- (i) The draft Strategic Plan 2008 – 2013 as revised be circulated to all Coordinating Committees for comments, prior to the final adoption by the Commission in July 2007; and
 - (ii) The current format used by the Executive Committee for the Critical Review be replaced with Table 2, Part 3 of the draft Strategic Plan 2008 – 2013, as a new tracking mechanism for effective implementation of the Critical Review.
7. **The Committee is invited to comment on the draft Strategic Plan 2008 - 2013 as contained in Appendix II of ALINORM 06/29/3A.**

C. Review of the Codex Committee Structure and Mandates of Codex Committees and Task Forces (29th CAC)⁵

8. The Commission congratulated the Secretariat on the quality of the document ALINORM 06/29/9B-Part II, Add.1 and decided that a Circular Letter⁶ be prepared to invite government comments on paragraphs 1 to 28 of the document including 11 proposals to give further opportunity to members and observers to study the analysis and proposals before a more detailed discussion would be held at the 59th Session of the Executive Committee and the 30th Session of the Commission. The Commission further **decided to invite** the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committees to discuss the proposals in their upcoming sessions and provide their comments to the Executive Committee and the Commission.

9. **The Committee is invited to comment on the proposals as contained in the Annex of CL 2006/29-CAC.**

³ ALINORM 06/29/41, paras. 152-155.

⁴ ALINORM 06/29/3A para. 38.

⁵ ALINORM 06/29/41, paras. 158-161.

⁶ CL 2006/29-CAC.