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CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

*Twenty-seventh Session,
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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2. Report by the Chairperson on the 53rd and 54th Sessions of the Executive Committee

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 - a) Amendments to the Rules of Procedure
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PART IV: PROGRAMME AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

8. Financial and Budgetary Matters
9. Strategic Planning of the Codex Alimentarius Commission
10. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission

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11. Designation of Countries responsible for Appointing the Chairpersons of Codex Committees and *ad hoc* Task Forces

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PART VI: OTHER MATTERS

17. Other Business
18. Adoption of the Report

NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

General Note: The 53rd Session of the Executive Committee (Geneva, February 2003) recommended for the 27th Session of the Commission a six working day meeting to allow for the business on the agenda to be completed. With the exception of Agenda Item 15, for which the election process will begin on the opening day of the session and continue through the week, it is recommended that all items be taken in the order in which they appear.

PART I: INTRODUCTION (Items 1-2)

In accordance with Rule VI.2 of the Rules of Procedure, the first item on the Agenda is the Adoption of the Agenda. In accordance with Rule IV.5 of the Rules of the Procedure, the Executive Committee shall report to the Commission on the sessions of the Executive Committee held since the previous Regular Session of the Commission.

PART II: PROCEDURAL MATTERS (Item 3)

The Commission is invited to consider amendments to the Rules of Procedure transmitted to it by the Codex Committee on General Principles. The quorum required for the purpose of adopting amendments to the Rules of Procedure is the majority of the Members of the Commission, and such amendments require a two-thirds majority of votes cast for their adoption (Rule V.6 and Rule XIV.1).¹ Such amendments come into force only upon the approval of the Directors-General of FAO and WHO (Rule XIV.1). The Commission is also invited to consider other amendments to the Procedural Manual transmitted to it by the Codex Committee on General Principles. The quorum required for such amendments is the normal quorum required for the transaction of business (Rule V.6). They take effect upon the adoption of the report of the present session of the Commission.

PART III: CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS (Items 4-7)

The Commission is invited to consider draft standards and related texts submitted to it for adoption by subsidiary Codex Committees and Task Forces; these include drafts submitted at Step 8 of the Uniform Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards, drafts submitted at Step 5 with the recommendation to omit Steps 6 and 7, and drafts submitted at Step 5 of the Accelerated Procedure. The Commission is also invited to confirm the withdrawal or revocation of existing Codex standards and related texts, as recommended by Codex Committees and Task Forces. It is also invited to approve proposals to undertake the elaboration of new standards and texts (including the amendment or revision of existing texts), taking into consideration the advice of the Executive Committee in this regard.

PART IV: PROGRAMME AND BUDGETARY MATTERS (Items 8-11)

The Secretariat will presented to the Commission a report on financial and budgetary matters, including the expenditures of the previous financial period.

The Commission will be invited to endorse the decisions and recommendations of the Executive Committee concerning the strategic planning of the Commission for the current (2003-2007) and next (2008-2013) terms.

The election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons is governed by Rules III.1. Because of the sequential nature of the election process a specific timetable is followed. A detailed explanatory note on the election procedure is provided in document ALINORM 04/27/2.

In accordance with Rule X.10 of the Rules of Procedure, the Commission is also required to designate those countries responsible for appointing the chairpersons of Codex Committees and Task Forces (“Host Countries”).

¹ The current Membership of the Commission being 170 countries, the quorum for this purpose is 86 Members.

PART V: POLICY AND GENERAL MATTERS (Items 12-16)

The 26th Session of the Commission (Rome, 2003) approved a number of proposals to implement the recommendations of the Joint FAO/WHO Evaluation of the Codex Alimentarius and Other FAO and WHO Work on Food Standards². The Commission is invited to note the progress made in this regard.

The Commission will be invited to consider matters referred to it by FAO and WHO and by its subsidiary Codex Committees and Task Forces.

In accordance with the Principles Concerning the Participation of International Non-governmental Organizations in the Work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission³, a list of organizations granted Observer Status will be presented to the Commission.

The 25th (Extraordinary) Session of the Commission requested to be kept informed of the progress and operations of the FAO/WHO Project and Trust Fund for Enhanced Participation in Codex. A Fourth Progress Report will be presented to the Commission.

The Commission will be invited to consider matters arising from FAO and WHO, including the Consultative Process on Provision of Scientific Advice to Codex and to Member States.

PART VI: OTHER MATTERS (Items 17-18)

In accordance with Rule VI.5 of the Rules of Procedure, any Member of the Commission, and the Directors-General of FAO and WHO, may, after the dispatch of the Provisional Agenda, propose the inclusion of specific items in the Agenda with respect to matters of an urgent nature.

In accordance with Rule IX.1 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure and established practice, the Commission shall adopt the report of its 27th Session, based on a draft provided by the Secretariat.

Provisional Timetable

Day	Items
Monday, 28 June	1-4, 10
Tuesday, 29 June	5-9, 11
Wednesday, 30 June	12-14
Thursday, 1 July	15-17
Friday, 2 July	No meeting
Saturday, 3 July	18 (Adoption of report)

² Report of the 26th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, ALINORM 03/41, paras. 149-183.

³ Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, 13th Edition.