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**Agenda Item 2**

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**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME  
CODEX COMMITTEE ON METHODS OF ANALYSIS SAMPLING**

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**( Comments from Indonesia)**

**Matters Referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Other Subsidiary Bodies**

**Conversion factor**

The conversion factor of 5.71 had been considered by CCASIA during the development of standard for soy based-products, namely regional standard for fermented soybean paste and regional standard for tempe which were adopted in 2009 (CODEX STAN 298R-2009) and 2013 (CODEX STAN 313R-2013) respectively. This factor is supported by wide range of scientific literatures regarding specific nitrogen to protein conversion factors such as FAO FOOD AND NUTRITION PAPER #77 Food energy – methods of analysis and conversion factors, Report of a technical workshop Rome, 3-6 December 2002. FAO, 2003, indicated that 5.71 was appropriate for soybean. Accordingly, Indonesia believes the use of the conversion factor of 5.71 is appropriate to determine protein content in soybean products in general.