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Agenda Item 14

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OTHER BUSINESS, FUTURE WORK AND DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT SESSION

PROPOSAL FOR NEW WORK **(Proposed by Morocco)**

At its 25th Session, the Committee on Fish and Fishery Products recalled that following the discussion on the inclusion of *Clupea bentincki* in the Standard for Canned Sardine and Sardine-Type products, the last session had decided to consider the inclusion of species and labelling issues from a general point of view. It had been agreed that the Delegation of France would prepare a discussion paper on these questions, in cooperation with other interested countries.

Following the discussion of the working document presented by France (CX/FFP 02/11), the Committee agreed that the Delegation of France would revise the discussion paper to consider how the procedure for the inclusion of species (CL 1995/30-FFP) might be revised especially to take into account new scientific data and methodology.

As regards labelling and following discussion of this issue, the Committee concluded that :

- the proposal to refer to the common name used in the country where the product is sold had been considered on a case-by-case basis in specific standards;
- there was no consensus on the inclusion of the scientific name and origin in the labelling.

The current Codex Standard 94 lacks consistency with the general labelling standard, as it is currently drafted it does not allow the inclusion of specific information for the consumer on the real nature of the product that can be found in the can.

Taking into account that the 25th Session of the Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products has not solved the essential problem related to the application of Codex Standard 94 on canned sardines, and in particular labelling modalities, that in its present form creates great confusion for consumers since anchovies as well as sardines may be labelled in the same way, Morocco wish to put forward a proposed draft amendment to section 6. Labelling in the Codex Standard on Canned Sardines. This proposed draft amendment could be included as an item on the Agenda of the 27th Session of the CCFPP.