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**RESPECTIVE ROLES OF THE COORDINATOR AND THE MEMBER ELECTED ON A
GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS IN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Designation of the Chairperson of the Coordinating Committee by the
Regional Coordinator**

1. At its 23rd session, the Codex Committee on General Principles noted that while the responsibilities to host and designate the Chairperson of the concerned Coordinating Committee continued in practice to be discharged by the Coordinators, they were nevertheless deleted from the Rules of Procedure, when the Coordinators ceased to be individuals to become Members. The Committee therefore agreed to request the Secretariat to prepare an amendment to the Rules of Procedure clarifying these responsibilities of the Coordinator, for consideration at its next session (ALINORM 06/29/33 paragraph 104).
2. The Committee may wish to consider the proposed amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission as presented in Annex 1. The proposal consists in adding a new bullet point in Rule IV, paragraph 3 and renumbering the existing bullet points, while deleting a phrase now becoming redundant from Rule XI paragraph 10.
3. Furthermore, the Committee is invited to note that discrepancies exist as regards the text of the present Rule IV, paragraph 3(i) of the Rules of Procedure, between the English and French versions. The proposal for aligning the texts is presented in Annex 2. There shall be no changes to the Arabic, Chinese, English and Spanish versions.¹
4. The Committee may wish to recommend the adoption of these amendments, as appropriate, by the 30th Session of the Commission.

¹ The reference to Rule XI.1(b)1 in this paragraph was erroneously printed as referring to Rule X in the Arabic version of the 15th Edition of the Procedural Manual.

Rule IV Coordinators

1. The Commission may appoint a Coordinator from among the Members of the Commission for any of the geographic locations enumerated in Rule V.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.
2. Appointment 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. In principle, they shall be nominated at each session of the relevant Coordinating Committee established under Rule XI.1(b)(ii), and appointed at the following regular session of the Commission. They shall hold office from the end of this session. Coordinators may be reappointed for a second term. The Commission shall make such arrangements as may be necessary in order to ensure continuity in the functions of the Coordinators.
3. The functions of the Coordinators shall be:
 - (i) to appoint the Chairperson of the Coordinating Committee where such committee has been set up under Rule XI.1(b)(ii) for the region or group of countries concerned.
 - ~~(ii)~~(ii) to assist and coordinate the work of the Codex Committees set up under Rule XI.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)~~(iii) to assist the Executive Committee and the Commission, as required, by advising them of the views of countries and recognized regional intergovernmental and non-government organizations in their respective regions on matters under discussion or of interest;

Rule XI Subsidiary Bodies

1.-9. [no change]

10. The Members who shall be responsible for appointing Chairpersons of subsidiary bodies established under Rule XI.1(b)(i) ~~and Rule XI.1(b)(ii)~~ shall be designated at each session by the Commission and shall be eligible for re-designation. All other officers of subsidiary bodies shall be elected by the body concerned and shall be eligible for re-election.

11. [no change]

Rule IV paragraph 3 (i)

(to be renumbered as paragraph 3 (ii) after adoption of the amendment set out in Annex 1)

[FRENCH]

aider aux travaux des comités du Codex créés pour leur région ou groupe de pays en vertu de l'Article XI.1b)i) et les coordonner, ~~dans leur région ou groupe de pays~~ en ce qui concerne la préparation de projets de normes, de lignes directrices et autres recommandations à soumettre à la Commission;