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Agenda Item 2

JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR NORTH AMERICA AND THE SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND OTHER CODEX COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

Comments received in response to CL 2004/29- NASWP from: Samoa

SAMOA

Samoa supports the current role, geographic membership and terms of reference for the Regional Coordinating Committee for North America and South West Pacific.

Samoa's participation in Codex meetings is subjected to the availability of budgetary resources of which provisions are readily scratched off given Government policy on official overseas travels. An elaboration of this issue is discussed in Agenda Item 8 with the request to enlarge the Trust Fund for developing countries of the CCNASWP Region to cover participation costs to Codex meetings.

Given that the CAC is to meet annually, Samoa is of the view that Regional Coordinating Committees should follow suit thus enabling members to consult and discuss issues of importance to their regions that resulted from CAC meetings.