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Agenda Item 6

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**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME  
CODEX COMMITTEE ON PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

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**METHODS OF ANALYSIS FOR PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES  
CODEX STANDARD FOR AQUEOUS COCONUT PRODUCTS:  
COCONUT CREAM AND COCONUT MILK  
(CODEX STAN 240-2003)**

**(Comments in response to CL 2006/56-PFV)**

**Comments from the United States of America**

The United States appreciates the opportunity to respond to CL 2006/56-PFV -Part B: Request for Comments and Information on items 10,11 and 12, which include, *Proposals for Amendments to the Priority List for the Standardization of Processed Fruits and Vegetables (para. 149 and Appendix XI)*; Item 11, *Methods of Analysis for Processed Fruits and Vegetables - Aqueous Coconut Products (para. 156 and Appendix XII)*; and Item 12, *Food Additive Provisions for Processed Fruits and Vegetables (para. 171 Appendix XIII)*.

With respect to Item 11, *Methods of Analysis for Processed Fruits and Vegetables - Aqueous Coconut Products (para. 156 and Appendix XII)*, the United States is concerned that the text of this standard was completed two CCPFV sessions and four years ago. Repeated efforts by the CCPFV targeted at producing countries and firms to submit the Methods of Analysis and Sampling needed for this standard have not resulted in the sufficient information being provided. Moreover, this product is widely produced, used in many tropical and developing countries and is gradually gaining market acceptance in developed countries.

Therefore, the United States recommends that Codex Alimentarius Commission and CCMAS directly request assistance from the other international agricultural organizations, producing countries, producing firms, food/agricultural research institutions and other academia in this regard.