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Agenda Item 1

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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| 8 | (a) Strategic Plan for the CCLAC (b) Survey on the computer-related needs of the Region - Comments | CX/LAC 04/14/8 CX/LAC 04/14/8-Add.1 Survey (word file) CX/LAC 04/14/8-Add.2 |
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EXPLANATORY NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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| Item 1 | <p>Adoption of the Provisional Agenda (CX/LAC 04/14/1): In accordance with Rule VI.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the first item of the Provisional Agenda shall be the adoption of the Agenda. The Committee will be invited to adopt the Provisional Agenda as its Agenda for the Session.</p> |
| Item 2 | <p>Matters referred/of interest to the Committee arising from the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees and Task Forces (CX/LAC 04/14/2): This item includes matters related to the Region arising from recent sessions of the Commission and other Codex Committees and Task Forces.</p> |
| Item 3 | <p>Report on activities of FAO and WHO complementary to the work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CX/LAC 04/14/3): An information paper will be provided on selected activities of FAO and WHO complementary to the work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.</p> |
| Item 4 | <p>Capacity building for food standards and regulations (CX/LAC 04/14/4): An information paper will be provided on the capacity building programmes for developing countries of the Region being undertaken as a follow-up to the Joint Statement made by the Executive Heads of FAO, WHO, OIE, WTO and the World Bank at the Doha Ministerial Conference, November 2001.</p> |
| Item 5 | <p>Information and reports on food control and food safety issues including Codex standards (CX/LAC 04/14/5): This is a standing item on the Committee's Agenda. There will be written and verbal reports on these issues provided by Member countries.</p> <p>Information on food control and food safety issues including Codex Standards has been requested under CL 2004/24-LAC. CCLAC Member comments submitted in response to this Circular Letter are contained in working document CX/LAC 04/14/5.</p> |
| Item 6 | <p>Consumer participation in food standards setting at the Codex and national level (CX/LAC 04/14/6): The Commission at its 23rd Session considered consumers' involvement in the work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and proposed that Regional Coordinating Committees continue to take the opportunity to provide a forum for the exchange of experiences on the ways and means of developing consumer inputs into National Codex Committees and Contact Points.</p> <p>Information on consumer participation in food standards setting at the Codex and national level has been requested under CL 2004/24-LAC. CCLAC Member comments submitted in response to this Circular Letter are contained in working document CX/LAC 04/14/6.</p> |
| Item 7 | <p>Review of the Regional Coordinating Committees (CX/LAC 04/14/7): As a follow up to the recommendations of the Joint FAO/WHO Evaluation of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other FAO and WHO work on Standards, the 26th Session of the Commission (July 2003) instructed the Codex Secretariat to prepare proposals for the review of the Regional Coordinating Committees.</p> <p>In this regard, the 27th Session of the Commission (July 2004) agreed that a Circular Letter would be issued to all Codex Members to invite Government comments on a number of matters as contained in CL 2004/35-LAC and that Regional Coordinating Committees should consider these comments and forward their views and/or recommendations to the 28th Session of the Commission for its consideration.</p> <p>In compliance with the decision of the 27th Session of the Commission, the Codex Secretariat</p> |

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| | has issued CL 2004/35-LAC requesting CCLAC Members comments on a number of matters related to the work of Regional Coordinating Committees. Government comments submitted in response to this Circular Letter are contained in working document CX/LAC 04/14/7. |
| Item 8 | <p>(a) Strategic Plan for the CCLAC (CX/LAC 04/14/8): The 13th Session of CCLAC (December 2002) unanimously adopted the Strategic Plan. As a follow-up of the decisions taken at that Session, the current Coordination of CCLAC (Argentina) has prepared an updating of the tasks carried out so far in order for CCLAC Members to evaluate the ongoing actions for future directions or corrections.</p> <p>(b) Survey on computer-related needs of the Region (CX/LAC 04/14/8-Add.1): In addition, a survey on computer-related needs to improve communication among Members of the Region has been distributed to CCLAC Member countries for their inputs. The questionnaire has been prepared by the Coordination of CCLAC to evaluate possible courses of action to facilitate the exchange of information on Codex matters of interest to the Region.</p> <p>The Strategic Plan and the Survey on computer-related needs of the Region has been circulated under working documents CX/LAC 04/14/8 and CX/LAC 04/14/8-Add.1. Comments submitted on the questionnaire are contained in CX/LAC 04/14/8-Add.2.</p> |
| Item 9 | <p>Guidelines for Food Safety in Tourist Zones (CX/LAC 04/14/9): The 13th Session of the CCLAC agreed to continue to work on food safety in tourist zones and requested the delegations of Barbados, Brazil, Cuba, Costa Rica and Dominican Republic with the assistance of the Pan-American Institute for Food Protection and Zoonoses (INPPAZ) to prepare a new proposal for consideration at its next Session in view of the importance of this issue for the Region.</p> <p>The Guidelines on Food Safety in Tourist Zones has been circulated under working document CX/LAC 04/14/9 for consideration by the forthcoming Session of the CCLAC.</p> |
| Item 10 | Nomination of Coordinator (CX/LAC 04/14/10): In accordance with Rule III.4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the Committee will be invited to nominate a Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean for appointment by the 28 th Session of the Commission. |
| Item 11 | <p>Other business and future work: In accordance with Rule VI.5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission “... <i>any Member of the Commission may propose the inclusion of specific items in the Agenda with respect to matters of an urgent nature...</i>”.</p> <p>The Committee may propose to undertake new work on the elaboration of standards and related texts taking into account the <i>Criteria for the Establishment of Work Priorities</i> as set out in the Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the Strategic Objectives and Priorities laid down in the Codex Alimentarius Commission Strategic Framework 2003 - 2007 and the decision taken at the 26th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission as regards proposal to undertake work namely: “<i>each major standard or revision of a major standard approved for development should have a small project document on purposes of the standard, why it is important, the main aspects to be covered and the time-line envisaged for the work...</i>”.</p> <p>The new work undertaken shall be approved by the Codex Alimentarius Commission or its Executive Committee.</p> <p>However, it is strongly recommended to submit the item, if any, in a written form before the Session.</p> |
| Item 12 | Date and place of the next Session: The Committee will be advised of the tentative date and place of the next Session. |
| Item 13 | Adoption of the Report: In accordance with Rule IX.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the Committee shall adopt the report of its 14 th Session, based on a draft provided by the Codex Secretariat. |

Delegates are kindly requested to bring with them to the meeting all documents which have been distributed, as the number of additional copies which can be made available at the meeting is limited