EC common position on Agenda Item 12: Implementation of the Joint FAO/WHO Evaluation of the Codex Alimentarius and other FAO and WHO Work on Food Standards

The Member States of the European Community support the implementation of the recommendations regarding the Joint FAO/WHO Evaluation of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Other FAO and WHO Work on Food Standards in order to improve the efficiency of the process, to enhance the scientific basis of Codex standards and to increase the participation of developing countries.

As it is foreseen for the Coordinating Committees, the Member States of the European Community suggest that a Circular Letter be sent in the process of reviewing the mandate of Codex subsidiary bodies.

Moreover, as regards the review of the mandates of Codex Committees and Task Forces, the Member States of the European Community are of the opinion that the CAC/EXEC Committee and the chairpersons of the hosting countries should be consulted. Likewise the role of the Coordinating Committees should be reviewed in close collaboration with the relevant concerned Codex members for each region.