European Community Common Position on the Proposed Draft Code of Ethics for International Trade in Food
(Point 13 of the CAC Agenda)

Following the discussions held at the 20th session of the CCGP, the European Community is still of the opinion that there is some confusion as to the scope of the Code and questions the emphasis on issues related to the WTO Agreements and to import and export inspection and certification, that are already addressed by the Codex texts developed by the CCFICS.

The European Community would favour the development of a shorter version of the Code that would essentially address ethical issues in order to provide guidance on acceptable practices in international food trade and food distribution, in order to ensure consumer protection. The European Community thinks that the current draft overly focuses on trade agreements and other issues that are adequately covered elsewhere.