The European Community is grateful that the 33rd Session of the Committee on Food Labelling made good progress on this issue and fully supports the provisional adoption at step 5 of the Proposed Draft Amendment to the General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods: Quantitative Declaration of Ingredients.

The European Community agrees with the approach followed since it requires a quantitative ingredient declaration in the cases where the choice of the consumer may be influenced by the quantity of one or several ingredients that are present in the food.

However the European Community considers that QUID should only relate to the ingredients utilised in the manufacture of foodstuffs and not to their eventual effect on health as there are other means of conveying information regarding possible effects of certain ingredients on health, such as nutrition labelling and nutrition or health claims.