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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

### FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

18<sup>th</sup> Session

San José, Costa Rica, 19 - 23 November 2012

#### NOMINATION OF THE COORDINATOR

1. The procedures governing the appointment of a Coordinator, as amended by the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission (2006) and approved by the Directors-General of FAO and WHO, are laid down in Rule IV of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.
2. The amended Rule IV) reads as follows:
  - IV.1 The Commission may appoint a Coordinator from among the Members of the Commission for any of the geographic locations enumerated in Rule III.1 (hereinafter referred to as "regions") or for any group of countries specifically enumerated by the Commission (hereinafter referred to as "groups of countries"), whenever it may find, on the basis of a proposal of a majority of the Members of the Commission which constitute the region or group, that work for the Codex Alimentarius in the countries concerned so requires.
  - IV.2 Appointment of Coordinators shall be made exclusively on the proposal of a majority of the Members of the Commission which constitute the region or group of countries concerned. In principle, they shall be nominated at each session of the relevant Coordinating Committee established under Rule XI.1(b)(ii), and appointed at the following regular session of the Commission. They shall hold office from the end of this session. Coordinators may be reappointed for a second term. The Commission shall make such arrangements as may be necessary in order to ensure continuity in the functions of the Coordinators.
  - IV.3 The functions of the Coordinators shall be:
    - (i) to appoint the Chairperson of the Coordinating Committee where such committee has been set up under Rule XI.1(b)(ii) for the region or group of countries concerned.
    - (ii) to assist and coordinate the work of the Codex Committees set up under Rules XI.1(b)(i) in their region or group of countries in the preparation of draft standards, guidelines and other recommendations for submission to the Commission.
    - (iii) to assist the Executive Committee and the Commission, as required, by advising them of the views of countries and recognized regional intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in their respective regions on matters under discussion or of interest.
3. In accordance with Rule V.1 of the Rules of Procedure, as amended by the 28<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission (2005), the Coordinators serve as members in the Executive Committee, together with the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons as well as seven further members elected on a geographic basis. The geographic locations enumerated in Rule V.1 are as follows: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Near East, North America and the South-West Pacific. The same Rule provides that not more than one delegate from any one country shall be a member of the Executive Committee.
4. At the time of writing, 33 countries in the Region of Latin America and the Caribbean are members of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. These countries are:

Antigua and Barbuda	Dominican Republic	Paraguay
Argentina	Ecuador	Peru
Bahamas	El Salvador	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Barbados	Grenada	Saint Lucia
Belize	Guatemala	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Bolivia	Guyana	Suriname
Brazil	Haiti	Trinidad and Tobago
Chile	Honduras	Uruguay
Colombia	Jamaica	Venezuela
Costa Rica	Mexico	(Bolivarian Republic of)
Cuba	Nicaragua	
Dominica	Panama	

5. The Commission, at its 34<sup>th</sup> Session (Rome, 4 – 9 July 2011), appointed Costa Rica as Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean to serve for its first term (REP11/CAC, para. 247). Costa Rica, having served for one term, two years by July 2013, will be eligible for re-appointment.
6. The Committee **is invited** to nominate a Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean (one of the Member countries on the list above) for appointment by the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission (2013).
7. A full list of Coordinators for Latin America and the Caribbean since the establishment of the CCLAC is given in the table below.

**Coordinators for Latin America and the Caribbean**

<b>Coordinator</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Year of appointment</b>	<b>CAC Session</b>	<b>Duration appointment</b>
Dr Eduardo R. Méndez	Mexico	1976	11 <sup>th</sup> CAC	from end of 11 <sup>th</sup> to end of 12 <sup>th</sup> CAC
Dr Eduardo Méndez	Mexico	1978	12 <sup>th</sup> CAC	from end of 12 <sup>th</sup> to end of 13 <sup>th</sup> CAC
Dr Alfredo M. Dovat	Uruguay	1979	13 <sup>th</sup> CAC	from end of 13 <sup>th</sup> to end of 14 <sup>th</sup> CAC
Dr E.M. Brivio	Uruguay	1981	14 <sup>th</sup> CAC	from end of 14 <sup>th</sup> to end of 15 <sup>th</sup> CAC
Mr Ramón Darías Rodés	Cuba	1983	15 <sup>th</sup> CAC	from end of 15 <sup>th</sup> to end of 16 <sup>th</sup> CAC
Mr Ramón Darías Rodés	Cuba	1985	16 <sup>th</sup> CAC	from end of 16 <sup>th</sup> to end of 17 <sup>th</sup> CAC
Ms María Eugenia Chacón Moroux	Costa Rica	1987	17 <sup>th</sup> CAC	from end of 17 <sup>th</sup> to end of 18 <sup>th</sup> CAC
Ms María Eugenia Chacón Moroux	Costa Rica	1989	18 <sup>th</sup> CAC	from end of 18 <sup>th</sup> to end of 19 <sup>th</sup> CAC
Mr Carlos A. Ferreira Guimaraes	Brazil	1991	19 <sup>th</sup> CAC	from end of 19 <sup>th</sup> to end of 20 <sup>th</sup> CAC
Mr Carlos A. Ferreira Guimaraes	Brazil	1993	20 <sup>th</sup> CAC	from end of 20 <sup>th</sup> to end of 21 <sup>st</sup> CAC
Dr Galdós Ugarte	Uruguay	1995	21 <sup>st</sup> CAC	from end of 21 <sup>st</sup> to end of 22 <sup>nd</sup> CAC
Dr Galdós Ugarte	Uruguay	1997	22 <sup>nd</sup> CAC	from end of 22 <sup>nd</sup> to end of 23 <sup>rd</sup> CAC
Mr Luis E. Feliz Roa	Dominican Republic	1999	23 <sup>rd</sup> CAC	from end of 23 <sup>rd</sup> to end of 24 <sup>th</sup> CAC
Dominican Republic		2001	24 <sup>th</sup> CAC	from end of 24 <sup>th</sup> to end of 26 <sup>th</sup> CAC
Argentina		2003	26 <sup>th</sup> CAC	from end of 26 <sup>th</sup> to end of 28 <sup>th</sup> CAC
Argentina		2005	28 <sup>th</sup> CAC	from end of 28 <sup>th</sup> to end of 30 <sup>th</sup> CAC
Mexico		2007	30 <sup>th</sup> CAC	from end of 30 <sup>th</sup> to end of 32 <sup>nd</sup> CAC
Mexico		2009	32 <sup>nd</sup> CAC	from end of 32 <sup>nd</sup> to end of 34 <sup>th</sup> CAC
Costa Rica		2011	34 <sup>th</sup> CAC	from end of 34 <sup>th</sup> to end of 36 <sup>th</sup> CAC