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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

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### CONSUMER PARTICIPATION IN FOOD STANDARDS SETTING AT THE CODEX AND NATIONAL LEVEL

#### ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENTS' COMMENTS

**(Cuba and Uruguay)**

#### CUBA

Our country has achieved measurable objectives in the following way:

- a) The Codex Contact Point is in the National Standardization Office, which is the representative of the Republic of Cuba before the Codex Alimentarius Commission;
- b) Our country has legally set up a National Codex Committee, which is working actively and systematically;
- c) As provided for in our Technical and Methodological Regulations and Standards, public consultations are held when national positions for Codex sessions are developed;
- d) The Foundation for the Protection of Nature and Man Antonio Núñez Jiménez is the independent consumer NGO, which is invited to all meetings of the National Codex Committee;
- e) The Consumer Protection Direction, attached to the MINCIN, and the above-mentioned independent consumer NGO actively participate in Codex processes at a national level
- f) The two above-mentioned bodies participate in Codex processes at national level.
- g) Consumers represented by the above-mentioned bodies have had broad participation in the development of national legislation.

#### URUGUAY

#### *Consumer Participation in the National Codex Committee*

In Uruguay, Consumers participate in Subcommittees' and Specific Working Groups' tasks.

They can participate as observers in the meetings of the National Codex Committee when they specifically request to and they form consumer NGOs.