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COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PROCEDURAL MANUAL

ARGENTINA

Argentina appreciates the opportunity of providing the following comments on certain paragraphs of the final report of the 19th (Extraordinary) Session of the Codex Committee on General Principles.

As regards paragraph 95 Argentina expressed the view, in its written comments on document CX/GP 03/19/6-Add.1 “Draft Guidelines on the Conduct of Meetings of Codex Committees and *ad hoc* Intergovernmental Task Forces” as well as during the meeting, that reports should be prepared in the three working languages of the Codex Commission, that is English, French and Spanish and not in the “working languages of the Committee” as it appears in the text of the above mentioned paragraph in the report. The “Reports” Section in the last paragraph should therefore be clarified with the inclusion of the phrase “in the working languages of the Commission”.

This position was supported by the delegations of member countries of the CCLAC, by the Delegation of Spain and by the delegations from Africa present, that felt discriminated by this situation that, in many cases, limits the possibility of participating more actively in Codex work.

In accordance with the above, the last paragraph of the section concerning reports in Appendix VI of ALINORM 04/27/33 on the “Draft Guidelines on the Conduct of Meetings of Codex Committees and *ad hoc* Intergovernmental Task Forces” should read as follows: “The Joint FAO/WHO Secretariat should ensure that, as soon as possible and in any event not later than one month after the end of the session, copies of the final report, as adopted **in the working languages of the Codex Commission**, are sent to all participants, and all Codex Contact Points.”