WHA16.42  Joint FAO/WHO Programme on Food Standards (Codex Alimentarius)

The Sixteenth World Health Assembly

1. APPROVES the establishment of a joint FAO/WHO programme on food standards whose principal organ will be the Codex Alimentarius Commission;

2. ADOPTS the statutes of the Codex Alimentarius Commission;

3. AGREES to the calling of the first session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission in June 1963;

4. EXPRESSES the hope that the Codex Alimentarius Commission will give priority to the health aspects of its work and will further preparatory work on a regional basis wherever this appears desirable in order to achieve the fundamental aims laid down for the Commission;

5. REQUESTS the Director-General to ensure the fullest participation of WHO in the joint food standards programme; and

6. FURTHER REQUESTS the Director-General to report to the thirty-third session of the Executive Board on the progress made by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, and on the outcome of the review of the method of financing the work of the Commission to be made by the FAO Conference in November 1963.

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