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ARTICLE 1

The Codex Alimentarius Commission shall, subject to Article 5 below, be responsible for making proposals to, and shall be consulted by, the Directors-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) on all matters pertaining to the implementation of the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, the purpose of which is:

- (a) protecting the health of the consumers and ensuring fair practices in the food trade;
- promoting coordination of all food standards work undertaken by international governmental and nongovernmental organizations;
- determining priorities and initiating and guiding the preparation of draft standards through and with the aid of appropriate organizations;
- finalizing standards elaborated under (c) above and publishing them in a Codex Alimentarius either as regional or worldwide standards, together with international standards already finalized by other bodies under (b) above, wherever this is practicable;

(e)	amending published standards, as appropriate, in the light of developments.

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