

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; ²
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.