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**European Union comments for the
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Agenda Item 3

**Proposed Amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Committee
on General Principles**

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*Member States Competence
Member States Vote*

The Member States of the European Union (MSEU) continue supporting the proposed amended TORs for the Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP) as proposed in Appendix III of REP 14/GP. The MSEU continue to believe that the proposal is not intended to broaden CCGP's scope and authority, as all the work undertaken by this (and other Codex subsidiary bodies) is subject to approval by the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC). Moreover, the proposal reflects the current CCGP practices and is fully consistent with terms of reference of other general subject Committees.

In addition, the MSEU would like to recall the provisions of the Codex Strategic Plan, in particular activity 4.1.1, aiming to make Codex standard setting work more efficient. All Codex Committees, including CCGP, are responsible for this activity; therefore the MSEU strongly believe that CCGP should continue to propose amendments to the Procedural Manual when it identifies a need to further improve Codex working practices.