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European Union Comments on

Agenda Item 2a:

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS
COMMISSION AND OTHER CODEX COMMITTEES
(CX/FFV 19/21/2)**

B. Matters for action

Member Competence
Member State Vote

The Member States of the European Union (MSEU) support any initiatives to reach consensus on unresolved issues. The MSEU further note that the Procedural Manual provides the necessary tools for consensus building.

Concerning the prioritisation of new work proposals, the MSEU recall that CCFFV19 concluded that the priority setting criteria for the establishment of work priorities and the decision making criteria for the development of Codex standards and related texts as laid down in the Procedural Manual is sufficient to ensure that the standards and work areas identified as priority are progressed in a timely manner by CCFFV.

The MSEU would like to draw the attention in particular to point 2(g) of the *Guideline on the Application of the Criteria for the Establishment of Work Priorities (Criteria Applicable to Commodities)*¹ which calls commodity committees, when preparing project documents for new work, to provide an analysis of areas of potential complementarities, gaps, duplication, or conflict with activities that have been already undertaken by other relevant international organizations.

¹ Procedural Manual, 27th Edition, page 47