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**European Union comments on**

**AGENDA ITEM 4**

**Codex Procedural Manual: presentation of new format and observations on consistency and superseded content**

**(CX/GP 23/33/4)**

*Member States Competence*

*Member States Vote*

The Member States of the European Union (MSEU) welcome the new format of the 28<sup>th</sup> edition of the Codex Procedural Manual (PM).

Furthermore, the MSEU would like to stress the need that an up-to-date version in all **Codex** languages of the PM remains available, also in a printable format.

Finally, the MSEU appreciate the work done to identify additional changes that could be made to the PM to align with modern technology and current working practices. The MSEU agree on the principle to proceed with such changes before moving to an electronic format. However, the MSEU note that only a selection of these changes is brought to the attention of the committee. The MSEU are of the opinion that such changes should not be implemented without a careful review by the CCGP of all proposed changes to ensure they are relevant and comprehensive.