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PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE GUIDELINES FOR CHAIRPERSONS

Replies to CL 2009/26-GP

(Argentina, Brazil, Guatemala)

Argentina

Argentina is grateful for the opportunity to submit Comments on this item on the agenda and would like to support the proposal made by the Delegation of Malaysia to include in the section on consensus the following paragraph:

“Where there is justified sustained opposition to substantial issues the chairperson should ensure that the views of concerned members be taken into consideration by reconciling conflicting arguments before deciding that a consensus has been reached.”

Brazil

Brazil would like to support the proposal made by the Delegation of Malaysia to include in the section on consensus the following paragraph:

“Where there is justified sustained opposition to substantial issues the chairperson should ensure that the views of concerned members be taken into consideration by reconciling conflicting arguments before deciding that a consensus has been reached.”

Guatemala

Guatemala considers it important and necessary to include in the Guidelines to Chairpersons of Codex Committees and Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Task Forces a sentence that would help them address consensus issues. Regarding the proposal made by Malaysia that says:

“Where there is justified sustained opposition to substantial issues the chairperson should ensure that the views of concerned members be taken into consideration by reconciling conflicting arguments before deciding that a consensus has been reached”,

Guatemala suggests deleting the word *justified* and replacing it with *based on scientific evidence*, so that it is more explicit. The paragraph would read as follows:

Where there is ~~justified~~ sustained opposition *based on scientific evidence* to substantial issues the chairperson should ensure that the views of the concerned members be taken into consideration by reconciling conflicting arguments before deciding that a consensus has been reached.