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Dear sirs,

knowing that the “Draft global strategy on diet, physical activity and health“ (EB 113/44 Add.1) is open for discussion by Member States Ministry of Health of the Czech republic submit following comments.

1. We propose to reformulate paragraph 48. International standards and to stress the “evidence - based action of the Codex Alimentarius Commission“ according to the paragraph 4. of the resolution Draft global strategy on diet, physical activity and health adopted by the Executive Board in January 2004.
2. We propose to delete subparagraph (2) of paragraph 36. price policies. We have no evidence that price policy is able to change eating habits. If such evidence exists we will change our opinion, but in this case we want to quote this example in the text. The reason for our proposal is that WHO cannot recommend the action which is not effective. On the other hand we support the price policy which enhance physical activity of the population. Further we recommend formulation changes in paragraph 18. and in paragraph 34. subparagraph (2).
3. In paragraph 18. we propose to change the last sentence as follows: “The Expert Consultation’s recommendations along with peer reviewed scientific studies, scientific evidence relating to specific countries, and recommendations of national authorities need to be translated into national recommendations and into dietary guidelines.“
4. In paragraph 34. subparagraph (2) national dietary guidelines we propose the following formulation of the first sentence: “The report of the Joint WHO/FAO Expert Consultation on Diet, Nutrition and recommendations of national expert bodies based on scientific evidence relating to specific countries may form the basis for national guidelines.“

The reason for proposed changes 3. and 4. is the paragraph 5. subparagraph (2) of the EB resolution which stress the role of international scientific developments.

Ministry of Health of Czech republic appreciates the work of The Secretariat on such important subject.

We would like to apologize for our later sending of this material and we would like to ask you to give this document to the competent department. Thank you very much for your kindness.

Yours faithfully,

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Prague, 23 February, 2004