



**Procedures for membership of the
International Coffee Agreement 2007**

1. The Executive Director presents his compliments and wishes to inform Members and observer Governments about procedures for membership of the International Coffee Agreement (ICA) 2007.
2. At its 113th Session from 22 to 26 September 2014 the International Coffee Council approved Resolution 454 which provides for Governments to deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession until 30 September 2015.
3. Members of the ICA 2001 and observer Governments are invited to contact the Treaty Sections or Legal Offices of their Ministries of Foreign Affairs and request them to undertake the necessary formalities for membership, which include the following:
 - (a) Signatory Governments (see Section A of Annex II) – ratification, acceptance or approval by **30 September 2015**.
 - (b) Non-Signatory Governments (see Section B of Annex II) – accession no later than **30 September 2015**.

Ratification, acceptance or approval

4. The ICA 2007 requires ratification, acceptance or approval by Governments which have signed it and intend to apply it. Under the provisions of Resolution 454, Members should deposit their instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval with the Depositary by **30 September 2015**. Instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval must be signed by the Head of State, Head of Government, or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and deposited with the Depositary. A model instrument, which may be adapted as appropriate, is attached as Annex III. The UN Treaty Section notes that instruments must include:

- Title, date and place of conclusion of treaty
- The type of action should be clearly identified, e.g. ratification, acceptance or approval
- Full name and title of the person signing the instrument (i.e. the Head of State, Head of Government or Minister for Foreign Affairs)
- An unambiguous expression of the intent of the Government to consider itself bound by the treaty and to undertake faithfully to observe and implement its provisions
- Date and place where the instrument was issued
- Signature of the Head of State, Head of Government or Minister for Foreign Affairs (the official seal is not sufficient).

Steps for ratification, acceptance or approval to the Agreement are as follows:

- (a) prepare instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval (as applicable) in accordance with model in Annex III;
- (b) instrument is signed by Head of State, Head of Government, or Minister for Foreign Affairs;
- (c) deliver the instrument by hand, mail, fax or scanned copy by email to the ICO;
- (d) if the instrument is faxed or sent as a scanned copy to the ICO, deliver the original instrument to the Organization as soon as possible thereafter;
- (e) the ICO will examine the instrument to ensure it is in due and proper form. The date of deposit will be the date on which the instrument is received at the ICO headquarters; and
- (f) the ICO will notify Members and non-member Governments about this action.

Accession

5. Accession is generally used by States wishing to express their consent to be bound by a treaty where the deadline for signature has passed. Under the provisions of Resolution 454, Governments eligible for membership in accordance with Article 43 may accede to the International Coffee Agreement 2007 by depositing an instrument of accession with the Organization no later than **30 September 2015** or such other time as the Council may decide. A model instrument, which may be adapted as appropriate, is attached as Annex III. The criterion for accepting instruments is the same as for instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval (see sub-paragraphs (a) to (f) above).

Notification of provisional application

6. Under the provisions of Article 41 (Provisional application), a signatory Government which intends to ratify, accept or approve the 2007 Agreement may, at any time, notify the Depositary that it will apply the Agreement provisionally in accordance with its legal procedures. Similar wording to that of the model instrument in Annex III, adapted as appropriate, may be used for notifications of provisional application.

Additional information

Depositary contact details

7. The International Coffee Organization is the Depositary for the ICA 2007 (as designated by Council Resolution 436 of 25 January 2008). The contact details for the ICO are as follows:

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Website: www.ico.org

8. The ICO will continue to advise all interested Parties, by means of Depositary Notifications, about actions relating to the ICA 2007.

Certified true copies

9. Certified true copies of the ICA 2007 are available on request from the Secretariat and electronic copies can be downloaded from the ICO website at the following link: www.ico.org/documents/ica2007-certified.pdf.

Website

10. The ICO website includes a section containing copies of all relevant documents such as certified true copies of the ICA 2007, the status of the ICA 2007, Depositary Notifications, etc. (see www.ico.org/depositary_e.asp). The United Nations Treaty

Handbook provides further information on depositary practice, as well as a glossary of relevant terms and can be consulted on the UN Treaty Section website (<http://untreaty.un.org>) as well as on the ICO website.

11. Further information about membership procedures is also provided in the following Annexes:

Annex I	Summary of steps for membership of the ICA 2007
Annex II	Governments eligible to ratify, accept, approve or accede to the ICA 2007 under the provisions of Articles 40 and 43 of the ICA 2007
Annex III	Model of an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the ICA 2007

Relevant ICO documents

- Resolution 431: Adoption of text of the ICA 2007
- Resolution 436: Depositary for the ICA 2007
- Resolution 447: Procedures for accession to the ICA 2007
- Resolution 454: Extension of the time limit for ratification, acceptance, approval of or accession to the ICA 2007
- ED-2033/08 Rev. 9: Procedures for membership
- ICA 2007: Certified true copy

SUMMARY OF STEPS FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE ICA 2007

RATIFICATION, ACCEPTANCE OR APPROVAL
(FOR SIGNATORY GOVERNMENTS LISTED IN SECTION A OF ANNEX II)
(No later than 30 September 2015)

ACCESSION
(FOR NON SIGNATORY GOVERNMENTS LISTED IN SECTIONS B AND C OF ANNEX II)
(No later than 30 September 2015)

Prepare instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession
(in accordance with Annex III)



Deliver instrument by hand, mail, fax or scanned copy to the ICO headquarters
(22 Berners Street, London W1T 3DD,
Fax: +44 (0) 20 7612 0630, Email: depositary@ico.org)



If the instrument is sent by fax or as a scanned copy to the ICO, deliver the original instrument to the ICO as soon as possible thereafter



ICO confirms receipt, reviews the instrument and notifies Members of this action

**GOVERNMENTS ELIGIBLE TO RATIFY, ACCEPT, APPROVE OR ACCEDE
TO THE ICA 2007 UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLES 40 AND 43 OF THE ICA 2007
(As at 1 October 2014)**

**A. Countries which have signed the 2007 Agreement and which
need to deposit an instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval:**

Exporting countries

Benin
Congo, Democratic Republic of
Guinea
Madagascar
Nigeria

**B. Contracting Parties to the ICA 2001 which have not signed the 2007 Agreement
and which need to deposit an instrument of accession:**

Exporting countries

Congo, Republic of
Dominican Republic
Haiti
Jamaica
Venezuela, Bolivarian Rep. of

Importing countries

Japan¹

**C. Countries invited as observers to attend the 98th Session of the
Council at which the ICA 2007 was negotiated:**

Algeria	Fiji	Mozambique	Sudan
Argentina	Iceland	Myanmar	Syrian Arab Republic
Armenia	Iran, Islamic Republic of	Nepal	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Australia	Israel	New Zealand	Trinidad and Tobago
Belarus	Jordan	Oman	Ukraine
Belize	Korea, Republic of	Pakistan	United Arab Emirates
Botswana	Kuwait	Peru	Uruguay
Cambodia	Lao People's Dem. Rep.	Russian Federation	
Canada	Lebanon	Saudi Arabia	
Chile	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Serbia	
China	Malaysia	Singapore	
Egypt	Mauritius	South Africa	
Equatorial Guinea	Morocco	Sri Lanka	

¹ See document ED-2060/09

**MODEL OF AN INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION, ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL OR ACCESSION
TO THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT 2007**

WHEREAS the INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT, ('the Agreement'), 2007 was concluded in London on 28 September 2007,

NOW THEREFORE I, [NAME AND TITLE of the Head of State, Head of Government or Minister for Foreign Affairs], declare that the Government of [name of State], having considered the above-mentioned Agreement, [ratifies] [accepts] [approves] [accedes to] the same and undertakes faithfully to perform and carry out the stipulations therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this instrument of [ratification] [acceptance] [approval] [accession] at [place] on [date].

[Signature]*

*** To be signed by the Head of State, Head of Government, or Minister for Foreign Affairs**

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