



**Report of the meeting of the
Working Group on the Strategic Review
of the ICO held on 14 January 2016**

1. The Working Group on the Strategic Review of the ICO held its third meeting on 14 January 2016 at the International Coffee Organization. The following Members were represented either in person or on the telephone: Brazil, Colombia, El Salvador, European Union, Honduras, Japan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Russian Federation, Switzerland and the United States.

2. The Chairman, Mr Aly Touré of Côte d'Ivoire, sent his apologies. The meeting was chaired in his absence by the Vice Chairman, Ms Tanya Menchi, of the United States.

Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda

3. The draft agenda contained in document WG-6/15 was adopted.

Item 2: Report of the meeting of the Working Group on the Strategic Review of the ICO held on 16 November 2015

4. The Committee approved the report on the meeting of 16 November 2015 contained in document WG-5/15.

Item 3: Replies to the Questionnaire on the Strategic Review of the ICO

5. The Chair noted that two more responses had been received from Nicaragua and Peru and requested any comments or perspectives on the responses to date.

6. Members expressed a variety of views on the subject of whether the Strategic Review should be carried out by the Secretariat or by a consultant. The Committee was in agreement that Members have to prioritise objectives, identify what resources are available and ensure that the views and opinions of all stakeholders are taken into account.

7. A number of Members felt that it would be prudent to wait until the World Coffee Conference had concluded in order to understand the nature and importance of current issues affecting the coffee market, where the coffee industry is heading and agree on how best to move forward.

8. Several Members felt that hiring a consultant would speed up the process, bring experience and professionalism to the table. Other Members did not present arguments against this other than the financial impact.

9. In response, the Executive Director said that the Secretariat could provide a working document and a draft 'Terms of Reference' and reassured the Committee that the Secretariat has the resources to complete this.

10. After further discussion the Chairman agreed that, regardless of whether the Secretariat or a consultant were to carry out the Strategic Review, 'Terms of Reference' would be required.

11. It was agreed that the delegate from Papua New Guinea would liaise with the Secretariat to prepare a first draft of the 'Terms of Reference' for the next meeting of the Working Group. Several Members also offered their support.

Item 4: Other business

12. There was no other business.

Item 5: Date of the next meeting

13. It was decided that the next meeting of the Group would be held at the International Coffee Organization, 22 Berners Street, London on Thursday 18 February 2016 at 14:00 GMT.