



**Report of the Statistics Committee on  
the meeting held on 14 March 2017**

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1. The Statistics Committee held its 12<sup>th</sup> meeting on 14 March 2017 in London.

**Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda**

2. The Committee adopted the draft Agenda contained in document [SC-69/17 Rev. 1](#).

**Item 2: Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2016/17**

3. Mr Piotr Krawczyk of EU-Poland was elected to remain as Chairperson and Mr Juan Esteban Orduz of Colombia was elected as Vice-Chairperson. The Chairperson noted that this Agenda contained fewer items than the previous meeting and that more items would be included in future Agendas.

**Item 3: Report on the meeting of 20 September 2016**

4. The Committee approved the report of the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting held in September 2016, contained in document [SC-68/16](#).

**Item 4: Review of recently published academic studies on coffee**

5. At the Statistics Committee in September 2016, a verbal report on recently published academic studies was well received by Members. Following on from this initiative the Senior Economist presented document [SC-70/17](#) containing a review of a further three economic studies. The three academic papers presented complemented the work carried out by the Secretariat. The reviews covered issues such as the relationship between coffee prices and family labour, income diversification as a way of mitigating coffee price shocks, and the potential benefit of innovative mobile phone based financial services for coffee farmers. The findings are available to all Members and it is the intention that these will remain an ongoing item on the Statistics Committee Agenda.

**Item 5: Compliance with Statistical Rules**

6. The Chief Economist introduced document [SC-71/17](#), containing a report on compliance with the Rules on Statistics. As before, this document contained an additional table (Annex 10A) which included data received in compliance with Statistical Rules outside the dates stipulated in the Rules. In terms of strict compliance, out of 42 exporting Members, only 2 generally complied fully, while 9 had good compliance and 11 had partial compliance. Fourteen exporting Members representing 3% of the average exports in the last four coffee years failed entirely to comply with their statistical obligations. When data received outside

the required dates were taken into account, 9 exporting Members generally complied fully, while another 15 exporting Members had good compliance and 4 had partial or poor compliance. However, 14 exporting Members still failed entirely to comply with their statistical obligations. Following increased efforts by the Secretariat in contacting exporting Members, this has shown a significant improvement in compliance, especially when allowing for the inclusion of data received outside the dates stipulated in the Rules on Statistics. The document also showed full compliance with the ICO Rules on Statistics by all 35 importing countries.

7. Since the last Statistics Committee, the Secretariat was pleased to report that, although received late, usable data from both Indonesia and Vietnam had significantly improved the compliance status of these two countries. It was emphasized that there was a need for all Members to provide the Secretariat with timely and accurate data.

**Item 6: Statistics Roundtable**

8. The Chief Economist reported that the Statistics Roundtable had met on 23 November 2016 at the ICO's Headquarters in Berners Street. Seven statistical experts had participated and discussed trade data, stocks, production and consumption of Brazil, Vietnam, Colombia, Indonesia, Ethiopia and India. The next meeting of the Roundtable is provisionally set to take place in mid-2017.

**Item 7: Other business**

9. The Committee considered document [SC-72/17](#) on the new market shares and the weightings for the four groups of coffee used in the calculation of the ICO composite and group indicators. The Secretariat reminded Members that, in accordance with the Rules on Statistics, this review takes place every two years and that these revised market shares and weightings are to come into effect from 1 October 2017. The Statistics Committee recommended that the Council approve this update.

10. The Chief Economist informed Members that a Statistical Workshop was being organized to take place during the week of the September 2017 meetings in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

11. Finally, the Chief Economist informed the Committee of the following three Country Coffee Profiles that will be available to Members in September 2017: Cameroon, Ghana and Italy.

**Item 8:                    Date of next meeting**

12.    The Committee noted that the next meeting of the Statistics Committee would take place in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire at the time of the 120<sup>th</sup> Council Session from 25 to 29 September 2017.