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**Draft Resolution on
Members in persistent arrears**

MEMBERS IN PERSISTENT ARREARS

CONSIDERING:

That paragraph (2) of Article 21 of the International Coffee Agreement 2007 provides that: “if any Member fails to pay its full contribution to the Administrative Budget within six months of the date on which the contribution is due, its voting rights and its right to participate in meetings of specialized committees shall be suspended until its contribution has been paid in full. However, unless the Council so decides, such Member shall not be deprived of any of its other rights nor relieved of any of its obligations under this Agreement”;

That outstanding contributions owed to the Organization have risen over time;

That some Members are in persistent arrears, having accumulated outstanding contributions over several years, and could not be counted on to contribute to current and future budgets;

That persistent failure to pay contributions significantly impairs the operation of the International Coffee Agreement, both in terms of the execution of the Administrative Budget in the short term and the liquidity of the Organization in the long term,

THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE COUNCIL

RESOLVES:

1. To define, for the purposes of this Resolution, Members in persistent arrears as those with more than three years of outstanding contributions to the ICO as of 30 September 2018.
2. To instruct the Executive Director to enter, as soon as possible, into contact with all Members to which this Resolution refers and to inform them of their condition, while providing support to such Members to enable them to pay in full their contributions or to draw up a repayment plan for submission to the Finance and Administration Committee.
3. To instruct the Executive Director to report to the Council, in its meeting in March 2019, on the situation of each Member in persistent arrears, including draft repayment plans.
4. To consider, in its meeting in March 2019, the situation of Members in persistent arrears, including proposed repayment plans, and take the relevant decisions in each case.