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**Statement from the International Coffee
Organization on the 126th Session of the
International Coffee Council**

The Executive Director presents his compliments and wishes to inform Members, observers and members of the Private Sector Consultative Board the following:

We at the International Coffee Organization (ICO) are deeply concerned by the evolving situation of the Coronavirus and the human tragedy that surrounds it. Amid growing health concerns related to the virus, the ICO, in consultation with the Chair of the Council, has decided to **cancel the 126th Session of the International Coffee Council (ICC)**. The ICC meeting was scheduled to be held from 27 April to 1 May 2020 at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in London.

The ICO is looking into alternative options for the core meetings of the Council and we will endeavour to update you as soon as possible. The Organization aims to serve our membership effectively while ensuring the health and safety of ICC participants and staff. The ICO remains fully committed to maintaining a productive dialogue with stakeholders and we are confident that our Member countries will be able to effectively engage on pressing issues impacting the global coffee sector at an alternative stage.