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Initial distribution of votes in the Council for coffee year 2023/24 in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (6) of Article 12 of the International Coffee Agreement 2007 (Calculated as at 29 September 2023)

Background

1. This document contains the initial distribution of votes in the Council for coffee year 2023/24, calculated in accordance with the relevant provisions of Article 12 of the 2007 Agreement.
2. In order to permit the Council to take a decision on the distribution of votes for each category of Member in coffee year 2023/24, it is necessary, in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs (3) and (4) of Article 12, to establish the average volume of exports of coffee to all destinations (exporting Members) and of imports of coffee from all sources (importing Members), over the preceding four calendar years from 2019 to 2022. The votes for exporting and importing Members have been calculated on the basis of the statistical data contained in document [ED-2439/23 Rev. 1](#).
3. This initial distribution of votes, as shown in Tables 1 and 2, is based on the membership of the Organization under the International Coffee Agreement 2007 as at 29 September 2023.
4. The redistribution of votes, as shown in Tables 3 and 4, is based on the provisions of [ICC Resolution 470](#), which temporarily suspends Members in persistent arrears.

Action

The Council is requested to approve this document.

TABLE 1
EXPORTING MEMBERS
INITIAL DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES IN THE COUNCIL
COFFEE YEAR 2023/24
AS AT 29 SEPTEMBER 2023

Exporting Members	Average exports (60-kg bags)	Percentage share in total exports	Votes			Percentage share of all votes
			Basic	Proportional	Total	
TOTAL	108,992,642	100.00	210	790	1,000	50.00
Angola	17,222	0.02	5	0	5	0.25
Bolivia	27,996	0.03	5	0	5	0.25
Brazil	41,492,657	38.07	5	301	306	15.30
Burundi	212,621	0.20	5	2	7	0.35
Cameroon	185,354	0.17	5	1	6	0.30
Central African Republic	27,518	0.03	5	0	5	0.25
Colombia	12,565,101	11.53	5	91	96	4.80
Congo, Dem. Rep. of	188,557	0.17	5	1	6	0.30
Costa Rica	1,067,596	0.98	5	8	13	0.65
Côte d'Ivoire	1,383,183	1.27	5	10	15	0.75
Cuba	18,642	0.02	5	0	5	0.25
Ecuador	499,925	0.46	5	4	9	0.45
El Salvador	511,325	0.47	5	4	9	0.45
Ethiopia	3,928,403	3.60	5	28	33	1.65
Gabon	8	0.00	5	0	5	0.25
Ghana	6,264	0.01	5	0	5	0.25
Honduras	5,652,529	5.19	5	41	46	2.30
India	6,189,690	5.68	5	45	50	2.50
Indonesia	6,898,792	6.33	5	50	55	2.75
Kenya	777,136	0.71	5	6	11	0.55
Liberia	521	0.00	5	0	5	0.25
Madagascar	19,118	0.02	5	0	5	0.25
Malawi	14,227	0.01	5	0	5	0.25
Mexico	2,987,054	2.74	5	22	27	1.35
Nepal	1,035	0.00	5	0	5	0.25
Nicaragua	2,704,324	2.48	5	20	25	1.25
Nigeria	3,947	0.00	5	0	5	0.25
Panama	41,278	0.04	5	0	5	0.25
Papua New Guinea	725,724	0.67	5	5	10	0.50
Peru	3,684,300	3.38	5	27	32	1.60
Philippines	5,277	0.00	5	0	5	0.25
Rwanda	334,540	0.31	5	2	7	0.35
Sierra Leone	36,360	0.03	5	0	5	0.25
Tanzania	926,554	0.85	5	7	12	0.60
Thailand	202,392	0.19	5	2	7	0.35
Timor-Leste	90,415	0.08	5	1	6	0.30
Togo	45,562	0.04	5	0	5	0.25
Venezuela	13,308	0.01	5	0	5	0.25
Vietnam	15,411,164	14.14	5	112	117	5.85
Yemen	42,820	0.04	5	0	5	0.25
Zambia	46,373	0.04	5	0	5	0.25
Zimbabwe	5,830	0.01	5	0	5	0.25

TABLE 2
IMPORTING MEMBERS
INITIAL DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES IN THE COUNCIL
COFFEE YEAR 2023/24
AS AT 29 SEPTEMBER 2023

Importing Members	Average imports (60-kg bags)	Percentage share in total imports	Basic	Votes		Percentage share of all votes
				Proportional	Total	
TOTAL	104,668,434	100.00	35	965	1,000	50.00
<i>European Union</i>	<i>80,663,246</i>	<i>77.07</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>661</i>	<i>666</i>	<i>33.30</i>
Austria						
Belgium/Luxembourg						
Bulgaria						
Croatia						
Cyprus						
Czech Republic						
Denmark						
Estonia						
Finland						
France						
Germany						
Greece						
Hungary						
Ireland						
Italy						
Latvia						
Lithuania						
Malta						
Netherlands						
Poland						
Portugal						
Romania						
Slovakia						
Slovenia						
Spain						
Sweden						
Japan	7,577,435	7.24	5	96	101	5.05
Norway	779,441	0.74	5	10	15	0.75
Russian Federation	6,319,815	6.04	5	80	85	4.25
Switzerland	3,602,327	3.44	5	46	51	2.55
Tunisia	558,866	0.53	5	7	12	0.60
United Kingdom	5,167,303	4.94	5	65	70	3.50

TABLE 3

EXPORTING MEMBERS
REDISTRIBUTION - EXCLUDING COUNTRIES WITH CONTRIBUTION IN ARREARS OVER 21 MONTHS
COFFEE YEAR 2023/24
AS AT 29 SEPTEMBER 2023

Exporting Members	Average exports (60-kg bags)	Percentage share in total exports	Votes			Percentage share of all votes
			Basic	Proportional	Total	
TOTAL	108,992,642	100.00	145	855	1,000	50.00
Angola	17,222	0.02	5	0	5	0.25
Bolivia	27,996	0.03	5	0	5	0.25
Brazil	41,492,657	38.72	5	331	336	16.80
Burundi	212,621	0.20	5	2	7	0.35
Cameroon	185,354	0.17	5	2	7	0.35
Colombia	12,565,101	11.72	5	100	105	5.25
Costa Rica	1,067,596	1.00	5	9	14	0.70
Côte d'Ivoire	1,383,183	1.29	5	11	16	0.80
El Salvador	511,325	0.48	5	4	9	0.45
Ethiopia	3,928,403	3.67	5	31	36	1.80
Gabon	8	0.00	5	0	5	0.25
Honduras	5,652,529	5.27	5	45	50	2.50
India	6,189,690	5.78	5	49	54	2.70
Indonesia	6,898,792	6.44	5	55	60	3.00
Kenya	777,136	0.73	5	6	11	0.55
Madagascar	19,118	0.02	5	0	5	0.25
Mexico	2,987,054	2.79	5	24	29	1.45
Nepal	1,035	0.00	5	0	5	0.25
Nicaragua	2,704,324	2.52	5	22	27	1.35
Nigeria	3,947	0.00	5	0	5	0.25
Panama	41,278	0.04	5	0	5	0.25
Papua New Guinea	725,724	0.68	5	6	11	0.55
Peru	3,684,300	3.44	5	29	34	1.70
Philippines	5,277	0.00	5	0	5	0.25
Rwanda	334,540	0.31	5	3	8	0.40
Thailand	202,392	0.19	5	2	7	0.35
Timor-Leste	90,415	0.08	5	1	6	0.30
Togo	45,562	0.04	5	0	5	0.25
Vietnam	15,411,164	14.38	5	123	128	6.40
Sub-total	107,165,742	100	145	855	1,000	50
(b) Members of the ICA 2007 in persistent arrears						
Central African Republic	27,518	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
Congo, Dem. Rep. of	188,557	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
Cuba	18,642	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
Ecuador	499,925	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
Ghana	6,264	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
Liberia	521	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
Malawi	14,227	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
Sierra Leone	36,360	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
Tanzania	926,554	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
Venezuela	13,308	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
Yemen	42,820	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
Zambia	46,373	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
Zimbabwe	5,830	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
Sub-total	1,826,900	0.00	0	0	0	0.00

TABLE 4

**IMPORTING MEMBERS
REDISTRIBUTION - EXCLUDING COUNTRIES WITH CONTRIBUTION IN ARREARS OVER 21 MONTHS
COFFEE YEAR 2023/24
AS AT 29 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Importing Members	Average imports (60-kg bags)	Percentage share in total imports	Basic	Votes		Percentage share of all votes
				Proportional	Total	
TOTAL	104,668,434	100.00	25	975	1,000	50.00
European Union	80,663,246	82.49	5	661	666	33.30
Austria						
Belgium/Luxembourg						
Bulgaria						
Croatia						
Cyprus						
Czech Republic						
Denmark						
Estonia						
Finland						
France						
Germany						
Greece						
Hungary						
Ireland						
Italy						
Latvia						
Lithuania						
Malta						
Netherlands						
Poland						
Portugal						
Romania						
Slovakia						
Slovenia						
Spain						
Sweden						
Japan	7,577,435	7.75	5	139	144	7.20
Norway	779,441	0.80	5	14	19	0.95
Switzerland	3,602,327	3.68	5	66	71	3.55
United Kingdom	5,167,303	5.28	5	95	100	5.00
Sub-total	97,789,753	100	25	975	1,000	50
(b) Members of the ICA 2007 in persistent arrears						
Russian Federation*	6,319,815	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
Tunisia	558,866	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
Sub-total	6,878,681	0	0	0	0	0

* The transfer of contributions is affected by prevailing constraints in the United Kingdom.

NOTES TO TABLES

1. Paragraph 2 of Article 12 of the ICA 2007 states that each Member shall have 5 basic votes.
2. Paragraph 5 of Article 12 states that the EU shall hold votes as a single Member.
3. Paragraph 7 of Article 12 states that the Council shall provide for the redistribution of votes in accordance with the provisions of this Article whenever there is a change in the membership of the Organization or if the voting rights of a Member are suspended or regained under the provisions of Article 21.
4. Paragraph 8 of Article 12 states that no Member shall hold two-thirds or more of the votes in its category.
5. Paragraph 2 of Article 21 states 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.' As decided by the Council in March 2013 (see document [ICC-110-16](#)), in the case of contributions where there is a small under payment, the Executive Director should have discretion to ignore these shortfalls when determining votes. The amount of the shortfall is defined as £1,000 or 5% of the Member's contribution, whichever is the greater, provided also that the outstanding contribution will be paid by the Member in the following financial year.
6. The voting rights and membership of Bolivia were restored as the Council approved the instalment plan for Bolivia ([FA-337/22](#)) at its 134th Session, subject to (i) written confirmation from the EU, Indonesia and Japan; and (ii) receipt of a formal letter of commitment from Bolivia to pay its contributions for coffee year 2022/23. Bolivia fulfilled these requirements before the March meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee during coffee year 2022/23.