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**Draft terms of reference of the Joint
Committee**

Background

1. To make the work of the ICO more effective, the International Coffee Agreement (ICA) 2022 establishes two committees: the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC) and the Economics Committee (EC). The FAC will continue to address the ICO's financial and administrative matters in continuity with the ICA 2007. The EC, on the other hand, will integrate all technical and strategic objectives and activities of the three technical committees existing under the ICA 2007 (Statistics; Promotion and Market Development; and Projects), including those that were related to the Consultative Forum on Coffee Sector Finance and which are now dealt with by the Coffee Public-Private Task Force (CPPTF).
2. Since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic and, due to the consequent need to convene online, the individual meetings of the abovementioned technical committees have been held together under a "Joint Committees" meeting.
3. At its 134th Session, the Council requested that the Executive Director propose a system for consolidating the existing committees into a single Joint Committee during the transition period between the ICA 2007 and the ICA 2022.
4. In light of the above, the Executive Director submits a proposal to formally merge the Statistics; Promotion and Market Development; and Projects Committees, as well as the Consultative Forum on Coffee Sector Finance.¹

Action

The Council is requested to consider the draft Terms of Reference of the Joint Committee as presented in Annex I.

¹ The Core Group for the Consultative Forum on Coffee Sector Finance is not foreseen in the ICA 2022 and will thus be discontinued. Related topics are covered by the Joint Committee as well as by the CPPTF.

JOINT COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

SCOPE

1. The Joint Committee shall consider all matters previously dealt with by the Projects Committee, the Statistics Committee and the Promotion and Market Development Committee, as well as those inherent to the Consultative Forum on Coffee Sector Finance.

2. The Committee shall be responsible for carrying out activities and making recommendations to the Council on all matters concerning, but not limited to, the following areas:

2.1 Projects:

- (a) Establishment of priority thematic areas for support through projects, taking into account the Organization's mandate, strategic plans and programme of activities;
- (b) Procedures for submitting and approving projects proposed by Members or by the Secretariat;
- (c) Monitoring and evaluation of projects; and
- (d) Identifying sources of funding for projects and forms of cooperation with relevant agencies and assisting in fund mobilization;

2.2 Statistics:

- (a) Certificates of Origin;
- (b) Statistical information on world production, prices, exports, imports and re-exports, and distribution and consumption of coffee, including information on different market categories, coffee-based products, geographical areas, market structures, niche markets, customs duties, taxes, tariffs, and non-tariff barriers;
- (c) Indicator prices (I-CIP);
- (d) Stocks and inventories;
- (e) Management and maintenance of the ICO World Coffee Statistics Database (WCSD);
- (f) Compliance by Members in providing statistical information;
- (g) Assessment and resolution of discrepancies between ICO data and Members' data;

- (h) Technical assistance and training for ICO Members and their statistical focal points;
- (i) Evaluation of technical definitions;
- (j) Publications and sales of ICO data; and
- (k) Liaison with other organizations, with a view to improving the statistical coverage of the ICO.

2.3 Promotion and market development:

- (a) Coffee trade development;
- (b) Market development plans, promotion of consumption and activities including information campaigns, research, quality improvement, capacity-building and studies related to coffee production and consumption, sustainable coffee consumption and regulations affecting production, transformation, trade, consumption and disposal of coffee;
- (c) Market access and analysis of the regulatory framework and barriers to trade;
- (d) Review of scientific information on coffee and health;
- (e) Analysis of new proposals; and
- (f) Arrangements for financing promotion and market development activities through voluntary contributions from Members, non-members, other organizations, and the private sector.

2.4 Consultative Forum on Coffee Sector Finance

- (a) Facilitating consultations on topics related to finance and risk management in the coffee sector, with a particular emphasis on the needs of small- and medium-scale producers and local communities in coffee producing areas, including the following:
 - (i) Risk management;
 - (ii) Access to credit;
 - (iii) Financial tools and services; and
 - (iv) Sources of finance and partnerships for coffee development;
- (b) Promoting coordination among governments, intergovernmental bodies, non-governmental organizations and the private sector on topics and activities related to coffee sector finance and risk management; and
- (c) Assisting the Council with the assessment of financial conditions in coffee markets, including sharing information on relevant commodity and futures exchanges.

GOVERNANCE AND PROCEDURES

3. For each coffee year, the Council shall designate eight (8) representatives from among the ICO's exporting Members and three (3) from its importing Members to serve on the Committee.
4. The quorum required for a Committee meeting shall be two (2) representatives from the exporting Members and two (2) from the importing Members.
5. The Committee shall select a Chair and Vice-Chair from among the designated Members. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee shall be from different categories of Member. Generally, these offices shall alternate each coffee year between the two categories of Member, unless Members decide otherwise.
6. Meetings of the Committee shall be held whenever deemed necessary by its Members. The Chair of the Committee shall liaise with the ICO Secretariat to determine the agenda and time of its meetings. She/he shall report to the Council on the deliberations of the Committee and submit recommendations for its consideration and approval at least three weeks prior to the Session.
7. The Committee has the authority to set up ad-hoc working groups to deal with identified matters when required.
8. The Committee has the authority to invite observers to attend its sessions.