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Draft resolution

Background

1. This document contains a draft resolution to extend:
 - the term of the International Coffee Agreement 2007;
 - the deadline for signature of the International Coffee Agreement 2022; and
 - the deadline for ratification, acceptance or approval of the International Coffee Agreement 2022.
2. Members are invited to send any comments on this draft Resolution to the Executive Director in writing by **28 March 2023**.

Action

Members are invited to consider the attached draft resolution.

**Extension of the term of the
International Coffee Agreement 2007 (ICA 2007)
and the deadline for signature and ratification, acceptance or approval of the
International Coffee Agreement 2022 (ICA 2022)**

WHEREAS:

The ICA 2007 is due to expire on 1 February 2024;

Under the provisions of paragraph (3) of Article 48 of the ICA 2007, the Council may decide to extend the term thereof beyond its expiration date for one or more successive periods not exceeding eight years in total. Any Member which does not accept any such extension of the ICA 2007 shall inform the International Coffee Council and the Depository thereof in writing before the commencement of the extension period and shall cease to be a Party to the ICA 2007 from the beginning of said extension period;

The ICA 2007 has already been extended for three years beyond its expiration date of 1 February 2021;

The International Coffee Council approved the ICA 2022 by way of Resolution 476 on 9 June 2022;

Sufficient time is needed for countries to complete the procedures for the entry into force of the ICA 2022;

Paragraph (1) of Article 44 of the ICA 2022 stipulates that, except as otherwise provided, the ICA 2022 shall be open for signature at the Depository headquarters from 6 October 2022 until and including 30 April 2023;

Paragraph (3) of Article 44 of the ICA 2022 provides that the International Coffee Council may decide to grant extensions of time to signatory Governments that are unable to deposit their instruments by 31 July 2023;

A number of Governments which are eligible to sign the ICA 2022 pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (1) of Article 44 thereof may not be able to do so by 30 April 2023, but have indicated that they wish to become signatory Governments thereto; and

The International Coffee Council deems it desirable to enable the Governments concerned to sign the ICA 2022 in order to enhance the prospects for its definitive or provisional entry into force within the next eighteen months,

THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE COUNCIL

RESOLVES:

To extend the ICA 2007 for a period of one year from 2 February 2024 to 1 February 2025, in accordance with provisions of paragraph (3) of Article 48 of the ICA 2007 and ICC Resolution 471;

To allow Governments eligible to sign the ICA 2022 to do so on or before 30 April 2024, as per the provisions of paragraph (1) of Article 44 thereof; and

To extend the period for the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval of the ICA 2022 with the Depositary under the provisions of Article 44 thereof from 31 July 2023 to 31 July 2024.