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that have signed the ICA 2022**

Background

1. Following the approval of the International Coffee Agreement (ICA) 2022 at the 133rd Special Session of the Council and its opening for signature on 6 October 2022, several countries that are currently not Members of the ICA 2007 have expressed their interest to sign and/or already signed the ICA 2022.¹
2. For those non-member countries that: (i) have completed at least the first step – signature – of the procedures to join the 2022 Agreement²; and (ii) are willing to start paying contributions to the ICO budget before the entry into force of the ICA 2022, the Secretariat would like to submit a proposal to grant them special transitional status and enable their active participation in certain activities and meetings of the Organization and its bodies.

Action

The Council is requested to consider the draft decision.

1 Non-member countries invited to the 133rd Special Session of the Council have the right to join the ICA 2022 prior to its entry into force.

2 Further information on the procedures to join the ICA 2022 are contained in document ED 2409/22 and subsequent revisions.



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Decision of the Council

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WHEREAS:

The International Coffee Council invited non-member countries to attend its 133rd Special Session at which the International Coffee Agreement (ICA) 2022 was approved, making them eligible to sign said Agreement;

The International Coffee Agreement 2022 was opened for signature on 6 October 2022 by means of ICC Resolution 478;

Some countries that are not currently Members of the ICA 2007 have been (i) completing the procedures to join the 2022 Agreement and (ii) would be willing to start contributing to ICO activities and its budget before the entry into force thereof.

THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE COUNCIL

Decides that:

1. The abovementioned non-member countries should be granted special transitional status upon signing the ICA 2022 and paying their voluntary contributions to

the Organization in a given coffee year.³ The amount paid should be transferred to the ICO Coffee Sustainability Projects Trust Fund⁴.

2. Eligible countries shall be extended the following benefits:

- Participation as an observer in meetings of the Council, as well as meetings of ICO bodies and committees;
- Participation in open meetings of the Coffee Public-Private Task Force (CPPTF) and all meetings of its Technical Workstreams, as well as in the CEO and Global Leader Forum;
- Eligibility to become a Member of the CPPTF if appointed by the Council;
- Eligibility to become a beneficiary of ICO/CPPTF projects and activities;
- Access to the World Coffee Statistics Database, as well as all statistical reports and publications produced by the Secretariat;
- Access to technical assistance from the ICO Statistics Department.

3. Non-member countries' voluntary contributions should be calculated based on the average volume of their respective exports or imports to all destinations in the preceding four calendar years.

4. Non-member countries' special transitional status should be reviewed every coffee year.

5. Ceasing to pay such voluntary contributions shall result in the suspension of a country's special transitional status but will not constitute debts owed to the Organization.

³ Members' contributions to the ICO's annual budget are calculated and agreed upon at the September Session of the Council. If a new Member joins the Organization or the membership status of a temporarily-suspended country is re-instated post-September, their contribution is assessed on the assumption that the Member was present at the time of calculation. Contributions will be pro rata.

⁴ Established by the International Coffee Council at its 121st Session (see reference documents [ICC-121-9](#) and [FA 179/18](#)).