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**Communication from the  
Government of Switzerland**

1. The Executive Director attaches a communication from the Government of Switzerland, containing an invitation to the 142<sup>nd</sup> Session of the International Coffee Council in Geneva.



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### **To the ICO Member States: Invitation to the 142<sup>nd</sup> ICC in Geneva (Switzerland)**

Dear Executive Director,

Switzerland has been committed to the mission of the International Coffee Organization since the organisation's early years. A member since 1964, Switzerland has been actively contributing to the further development of the organization with a focus on good governance, sustainability and strong cooperation with the private sector. It has significantly contributed to the new 2022 International Coffee Agreement and the establishment of the Coffee Public-Private Task Force.

An ICO importing member, Switzerland is also a key coffee hub with an estimated 55% of worldwide green coffee trade taking place via Swiss based trading companies. Given that many processing and roasting companies are headquartered in Switzerland, my home country is also amongst the top exporters of brown coffee worldwide.

Switzerland has a long track record when it comes to sustainability in coffee, working on projects benefiting coffee smallholders in partner countries. In 2024, Switzerland underlined this commitment by launching the Swiss Sustainable Coffee Platform (SSCP), a multistakeholder initiative bringing together important players from the Swiss coffee industry, the Swiss government, civil society and academia.

But we are not only a coffee hub. Switzerland is home to 46 international organizations, including the WTO, the ITC, UNCTAD, ILO, WIPO, WHO and UNEP. Switzerland is an excellent platform for international organisations, multilateral synergies, meaningful dialogue and actionable ideas – hosting over 6,000 conferences and more than 580,000 delegates from around the world each year. Even in the face of strong headwinds for multilateralism, Switzerland remains steadfast in its commitment to serving as reliable host country for international organisations, multilateral meetings and global dialogue.

I am therefore honoured and delighted to formally invite the **142<sup>nd</sup> International Coffee Council (ICC) and related ICO events from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026 to Geneva (Switzerland)**. To ensure a successful meeting, my capital will continue the appreciated cooperation with the ICO Secretariat. In parallel, preparations for a side event in cooperation with the SSCP are underway. In addition, and for the benefit of all ICO Members, the Swiss Coffee Trade Association (SCTA) will ensure that the ICC and the SCTA Forum and Dinner will take place consecutively.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to respectfully request that this project be added to the agenda for the 140<sup>th</sup> ICC in Honduras.

I remain at your disposal for any questions the ICO Secretariat or Members may have.

Please accept, Executive Director, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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