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Accession of the United States of America to the International Coffee Agreement 2001

1. The Executive Director presents his compliments and wishes to inform Members that he has been notified by the United Nations that the United States deposited an instrument of accession to the International Coffee Agreement 2001 with effect from 3 February 2005.
2. The announcement of the US accession was made by the US Secretary of State, Dr. Condoleezza Rice, on 5 February 2005 as follows:

"I am pleased to announce that the United States has acceded to the 2001 International Coffee Agreement, and has become a Member of the International Coffee Organization effective February 3, 2005. We announced our intention to rejoin in September 2004 and completed the process when we deposited our instrument of accession with the Secretary General of the United Nations.

The International Coffee Organization has undertaken impressive reforms in recent years to strengthen its market orientation, build programs to help coffee farmers improve quality, efficiency and access to markets, and streamline the global coffee trade. It is a valuable forum in which to address the full range of issues affecting coffee production, trade and consumption. We look forward to working closely with our trading partners in the Organization to enhance development efforts and open markets."

3. The United States is the world's largest coffee consuming country, representing 24% of coffee consumption in importing countries. It brings to 74 the number of ICO Member Governments.