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Sustainability

1. The Executive Director presents his compliments and wishes to inform Members that a draft definition on sustainability was circulated at the meeting of the Executive Board from 30 January to 1 February 2006 (document WD-Board No. 32/06, attached as Annex I). Members are invited to send the Executive Director their comments on this draft text to enable a revised version to be prepared for consideration by Members during ICO meetings from 22 to 25 May 2006.
2. In addition, Members which have not yet sent the ICO their views concerning the sustainability of the coffee sector in response to document ED-1949/05 (Survey on sustainability) are requested so as soon as possible, to enable a comprehensive document to be prepared for consideration by Members in May 2006. A copy of document ED-1949/05 is attached for information as Annex II. Document EB-3893/05 containing the contributions of Members which have already responded can be consulted on the Documents section of the ICO website (www.ico.org).

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DRAFT DEFINITION OF SUSTAINABILITY

1. In September 2005, the Council requested the Secretariat to prepare a definition of sustainability and coffee to assist Members in replying to the survey on sustainability (document ED-1949/05).

2. Preliminary draft wording is provided below for consideration:

“Sustainability in coffee implies conditions of production, processing and trade for all parties involved in the supply chain that:

- a) provide an economic return that covers production and living costs plus a further margin for development;
- b) treat the environment responsibly so that natural resources remain available to future generations; and
- c) secure social and working conditions in accordance with international standards, conducive to the maintenance of stable communities.”



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Survey on sustainability

1. The Executive Director presents his compliments and wishes to inform Members that he was requested by the International Coffee Council at its 93rd Session from 18 to 20 May 2005 to consult Member countries on their views concerning sustainability of the coffee sector, including national goals and needs, policies and measures to promote sustainability and any best practices that have been established.
2. More specifically, information is requested on the various areas listed in the Annex to this document. Members are asked to send information to the Executive Director by 31 July 2005.

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ICO survey on sustainability in the coffee sector

Members are requested to provide information on the following areas:

A. National policy

1. National policy on sustainability in agriculture
2. National policy on sustainability in the coffee sector
3. Key priorities concerning sustainability in the coffee sector
4. Details of existing best practices or recommendations

B. Related issues

1. Development assistance for sustainable production systems
2. Technology transfer for sustainable coffee systems
3. Impact of restricted market access on sustainability for coffee
4. Implications for sustainability in coffee of prices received both by the farmers and on international markets
5. Measures aiming to attract investment towards technical modernization in the coffee sector
6. Impact of adopting best practices in coffee production
7. Cost of adopting best practices in coffee production
8. Main national indicators of sustainable development
9. International policy priorities for sustainability