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Item	Document
1. Draft Agenda and schedule of meetings – <i>to adopt</i>	ICC-96-0 EB-3899/05
2. Votes and credentials	
2.1 Votes in the Council for coffee year 2005/06 – <i>to approve</i>	to follow
The Secretary will report.	
2.2 Initial distribution of votes in the Council for coffee year 2006/07 – <i>to approve</i>	to follow
Paragraph (5) of Article 13 of the Agreement provides that the distribution of votes shall be determined by the Council at the beginning of each coffee year. Under the provisions of Article 13, the votes of exporting Members and of importing Members are based on their exports and imports respectively in the preceding four calendar years. Documents showing the statistical basis for the proposed distribution of votes and the initial distribution of votes for coffee year 2006/07 will be circulated.	
2.3 Credentials – <i>to approve</i>	verbal
The Chairman will examine credentials with the assistance of the Secretariat.	
3. Admission of observers – <i>to consider</i>	to follow
The Council will consider a document outlining terms of reference for the admission of observers to Council sessions.	

**4. Membership of the International Coffee Agreement (ICA) 2001 – verbal
to note**

As at 23 June 2006, there were 74 Members of the Organization, comprising 44 exporting and 30 importing countries. The Executive Director will report on the current situation of membership and on contacts with non-member countries.

5. Coffee market situation – to note to follow

The Executive Director will **present a report on the market** situation and the most important developments during coffee year **2005/06**

6. Future of the ICA 2001 – to consider EB-3902/05
to follow

In May 2006, the Council noted the importance of setting a deadline for receipt of proposals on the future of the ICA 2001 as contributions received at a very late stage made it difficult to study these and opened up debate on new issues, delaying progress. Members were therefore requested to send proposals for the future of the Agreement to the Executive Director no later than **15 August 2006**. Proposals received by this date will be circulated to Members by 1 September. An updated summary of proposals will also be circulated.

As requested at the last meeting the Executive Director will briefly outline the key achievements and shortcomings of the 2001 Agreement. The Chairman of the PSCB will report on the extraordinary meeting of the PSCB held on 24 September to discuss the future of the 2001 Agreement. Members may also like to note that the Statistics Committee will consider future statistical priorities at its meeting this week.

7. Coffee development projects to follow

**7.1 Projects already approved by the
Common Fund for Commodities (CFC) – to note**

The Head of Operations will report on projects already approved by the CFC. Reports will be circulated for the following projects.

- **Potential for diversification in coffee exporting countries:** to follow
Executive Summary of final report.

- **Enhancement of coffee quality through prevention of mould formation** (Concluded): The final report and CD-Rom training tool will be circulated, together with an Executive Summary of a socio-economic study. ED-1992/06
to follow

- **Strengthening the commercial, financial, management and business capacity of small coffee producers/exporters in Mexico and Nicaragua (Concluded):** A Producers' Guide will be circulated. to follow
 - **Pilot rehabilitation of the coffee sectors in Honduras and Nicaragua:** A progress report will be circulated. to follow
 - **Pilot rehabilitation of neglected coffee plantations into small family production units in Angola:** A progress report will be circulated. to follow
 - **Diversification of production in marginal areas in the State of Veracruz, Mexico:** A progress report will be circulated. to follow
- 7.2 Projects for approval by the Council – *to approve*** to follow
- The Council will consider the recommendations of the Virtual Screening Committee (VSC) on projects submitted for consideration by the deadline of 24 July 2006.
- 8. Programme of activities for 2006/07 – *to consider and to approve*** to follow
- The Chairman of the Executive Board will report.
- 9. Report by the Chairman of the Private Sector Consultative Board (PSCB) – *to note/to approve*** verbal
- The Chairman of the PSCB will report on the meeting of 27 September 2006.
- 10. Statistical and economic data services**
- 10.1 Report by the Chairman of the Statistics Committee – *to note*** verbal
- The Chairman of the Statistics Committee will report on the meeting of 27 September 2006.
- 10.2 Statistics Committee for 2006/07 and 2007/08 - *to appoint*** verbal
- The terms of reference for the Statistics Committee (document EB-3833/02) require the Council to approve the names of representatives or experts designated by exporting and importing Members and by the Executive Director (two in each category) for a term of office for two coffee years.

11. Sustainability – to consider verbal

In January 2006, the Executive Director circulated a draft definition of sustainability to assist Members in replying to the survey on sustainability (document ED-1981/06). In May 2006, the Council noted that this would be considered in the context of discussions on the future of the Agreement.

Document ED-1978/05 requested Members who had not yet sent their contributions on the survey on the sustainability of the coffee sector to do so as soon as possible. Copies of submissions received to date have been circulated in document EB-3893/05 and its Addendum. The Executive Director will report on this and on other relevant initiatives.

12. Studies and reports – to consider

The Council will consider the following studies and reports:

- **Effects of tariffs on the coffee trade** (revised to reflect comments made at the last meeting) to follow
- **Mixtures and substitutes:** Article 36 of the Agreement states that the Executive Director shall submit to the Council a periodic report on compliance with the provisions of this Article. to follow

13. Phytosanitary matters – to consider verbal

In January 2006, producing countries issued a declaration urging the EU to reject the adoption of maximum OTA levels for green coffee. The representative of the EC will report.

The Executive Director will report on information related to pesticide residues in exporting countries for an EU review of Maximum Residue Levels of pesticides.

14. Cooperation with other agencies – to note verbal

The Executive Director will report on cooperation with relevant international organizations.

15. Promotion Committee – to consider verbal

The Chairman of the Promotion Committee will report. Article 34 of the Agreement provides that the Promotion Committee shall report regularly to the Council. Members may wish to consider whether this item should be maintained on the Agenda of the Council in view of the fact that the composition of both bodies is the same.

- 16. National coffee policies – *to note*** verbal
- Member countries are invited to report on changes in coffee policies in their countries and to provide copies of statements and other information for circulation to Members. The representative of the EC may report on the EU review of International Commodity Bodies.
- 17. Financial and Administrative matters**
- 17.1 Draft Administrative Budget for the financial year 2006/07 – *to approve*** to follow
- The Chairman of the Executive Board will report.
- 17.2 Outstanding contributions/payment of arrears – *to approve*** verbal
- The Chairman of the Executive Board will report. The Council will consider the recommendations of the Finance Committee and the Board on a policy on outstanding contributions and the payment of arrears.
- 17.3 Other financial and administrative matters – *to note***
- The Chairman of the Executive Board will report on other financial and administrative matters considered by the Board including the appointment of the registered auditors and the Finance Committee composition for 2006/07 – 2007/08.
- 18. Elections for coffee year 2006/07** verbal
- 18.1 Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Council – *to elect***
- According to Article 11 of the Agreement the Chairperson and first Vice-Chairperson this year should be elected from among the representatives of importing Members. The second and third Vice-Chairpersons should be elected from among the representatives of exporting Member countries. Previous Chairpersons from importing Member countries were from Belgium (2002/03) and Switzerland (2004/05).
- 18.2 Executive Board – *to elect***
- Voting procedures are outlined in Article 18 of the Agreement and Rule 46 of the *Rules of the Organization*.

18.3 Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Board – *to elect*

Article 17 of the Agreement provides that the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson should both be from the same category of membership. For 2006/07, precedent indicates that this should be from the category of exporting Members. Previous Chairpersons from exporting Member countries were from Papua New Guinea (2002/03) and Côte d'Ivoire (2004/05).

19. Other business – *to consider* verbal

20. Future meetings verbal

The next Session of the Council will take place at the headquarters of the Organization in London from 21 – 25 May 2007 – *to note*

Members are invited to suggest topics for presentations during these meetings, for inclusion on the Agenda, and improvements to future meeting arrangements – *to consider*