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**International Coffee Council** 

98<sup>th</sup> Session 27 and 28 September 2007 London, England **Draft Agenda** 

Item **Document** ICC-98-0 1. Draft Agenda and schedule of meetings - to adopt Guide to meetings 2. Admission of observers – to consider WP-Council 141/06 Rev. 2 The Council will consider procedures for the admission of observers to its meetings. 3. Votes and credentials to follow 3.1 Votes in the Council for coffee year 2006/07 – to approve

3.2 Initial distribution of votes in the Council for coffee year 2007/08 – to approve

The Secretary will report.

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 2007/08 will be circulated.

### 3.3 Credentials – to approve

verbal

The Chairman will examine credentials with the assistance of the Secretariat.

## 4. Future of the International Coffee Agreement (ICA) 2001 – to consider and, if appropriate, to approve

to follow

The Chairman of the Working Group on the Future of the Agreement will report on the recommendations of the Group.

The Council will consider draft Resolutions extending the 2001 Agreement and adopting the text of a new Agreement.

## 5. Membership of the ICA 2001

### 5.1 Current situation – to consider and, if appropriate, to approve

to follow

As at 25 June 2007, there were 77 Members of the Organization, comprising 45 exporting and 32 importing countries. The Council will consider two draft Resolutions respectively extending the time limit for the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, and for the deposit of instruments by Governments which are provisionally applying the Agreement. The Executive Director will report on the current situation of membership and on contacts with non-member countries.

## 5.2 Accession of Timor-Leste – to consider and, if appropriate, to approve

to follow

In May 2007, the Council approved Resolution 428 extending the time limit for the accession of Timor-Leste to 25 September 2007. As the Government of Timor-Leste may require additional time to complete the procedures, the Council may wish to consider a draft Resolution extending this deadline.

#### 6. Coffee market situation – *to note*

to follow

The Executive Director will introduce an analysis of the market situation.

## 7. Coffee development projects

to follow

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

to follow

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

- Coffee market development and trade promotion in Eastern and Southern Africa (final report)
- Robusta quality and marketing improvement by optimal use of coffee terroirs (final report)
- Integrated white stem borer management in smallholder coffee farms in India, Malawi and Zimbabwe (final report)

- Short and medium term finance for small-scale coffee farmers in Kenya (mid-term evaluation report)
- Improvement of coffee production in Africa by the control of coffee wilt disease tracheomycosis (progress report)
- Improving coffee quality in East and Central Africa through enhanced processing practices (progress report)
- Pilot rehabilitation of the coffee sectors in Honduras and Nicaragua (progress report)
- Pilot rehabilitation of neglected coffee plantations into small family production units in Angola (progress report)
- Diversification of production in marginal areas in the State of Veracruz, Mexico (progress report)

# 7.2 Projects for approval by the Council – to consider and, if appropriate, to approve

to follow

The Chairman of the Executive Board will report on the following projects which will be considered by the Board in September 2007:

- Revitalising productivity, quality and trade in coffee from Africa (submitted by IACO)
- International research and development services for durable genetic control of two destructive diseases in Arabica coffee (submitted by ASIC)
- Coffee industries limited development alliance proposal (submitted by the Government of Jamaica)

#### 8. Programme of activities for 2007/08 – to consider and to approve

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The Executive Director will report.

#### 9. Private Sector Consultative Board

## 9.1 Report by the Chairman of the Private Sector Consultative Board (PSCB) – to note

verbal

The Chairman of the PSCB will report on the meeting of 26 September 2007.

## 9.2 Membership of the PSCB for coffee years 2007/08 and 2008/09 – to approve

to follow

The term of office for members of the PSCB who were appointed by the Council at its 94<sup>th</sup> Session in September 2005 will expire in September 2007. The Executive Director circulated ED-2014/07 to all Members in June 2007 requesting them to inform him of nominations and alternates for coffee years 2007/08 and 2008/09.

## 10. Report by the Chairman of the Statistics Committee – to note/approve

to follow

The Chairman of the Statistics Committee will report on the meeting of 26 September 2007.

The Council will consider the recommendation of the Statistics Committee on the market share of each group and their weightings in the calculation of ICO group and composite prices from 1 October 2007.

#### 11. Promotion Committee – to note

verbal

Article 34 of the Agreement provides that the Promotion Committee shall report regularly to the Council. The Chairman of the Promotion Committee will report.

## 12. Cooperation with other agencies – to note

verbal

The Executive Director will report.

### 13. 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.

### 14. Financial and administrative matters

## 14.1 Draft Administrative Budget for the financial year 2007/08 – to approve

to follow

The Chairman of the Executive Board will report.

### 14.2 Payment of arrears – to consider and, if appropriate, to approve

verbal

The Executive Director will report on compliance by Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo with the provisions of Resolutions 429 and 430.

#### 14.3 Other financial and administrative matters – to note

verbal

The Chairman of the Executive Board will report on other financial and administrative matters considered by the Board.

### 15. Elections for coffee year 2007/08

verbal

#### 15.1 Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Council – to elect

According to Article 11 of the Agreement the Chairman and first Vice-Chairman this year should be elected from among the representatives of exporting Members. The second and third Vice-Chairmen should be elected from among the representatives of importing Members. Previous Chairmen from exporting Member countries were from Mexico (2003/04) and Côte d'Ivoire (2005/06).

#### 15.2 Executive Board – to elect

Voting procedures are outlined in Article 18 of the Agreement and Rule 46 of the *Rules of the Organization*.

## 15.3 Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Executive Board – *to elect*

Article 17 of the Agreement provides that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman should both be from the same category of membership. For 2007/08, precedent indicates that this should be from the category of importing Members. Previous Chairman from importing Member countries were from Switzerland (2003/04) and Italy (2005/06).

#### 16. Other business – to consider

verbal

### 17. Future meetings -to consider

verbal

The next Session of the Council will take place at the headquarters of the Organization in London during the week of 19 to 23 May 2008. Members are invited to suggest topics for presentations during these meetings, for inclusion on the Agenda, and improvements to future meeting arrangements