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Background

1. A communication from the Chairperson of the Coffee Board of India concerning financial support for the 20th ASIC Conference in Bangalore from 11 to 15 October 2004 is attached.
2. The Executive Director wrote to producing Members in July 2004 inviting them to consider allocating US\$10,000 from the Promotion Fund for this Conference. The Promotion Fund previously made a contribution of US\$20,000 to the ASIC Conference in Nairobi in 1997.
3. The current balance of the Promotion Fund established by producing Members under previous International Coffee Agreements is US\$402,000.

Action

Producing Members are invited to consider the request for US\$10,000 to be allocated from the Promotion Fund for the 20th ASIC Conference in Bangalore from 11 to 15 October 2004 and, if appropriate, to authorize the Executive Director to arrange payment of this amount to ASIC.

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Dear Nestor,

You are aware that the Coffee Board of India is organizing the 20th ASIC Conference in Bangalore during 11th to 15th October 2004. I am glad to note that you have confirmed your participation in the inaugural session of the Conference and agreed to make a presentation on 'World Coffee Economy'.

We are making every effort to make this conference a grand success. The Govt. of India has already given in-principle approval for hosting this Conference, but has not committed any financial support. This means that the responsibility of generating the entire funds required for organizing the Conference will have to be shouldered by the Organizing Committee.

I understand that the level of participation in the current conference is going to be much higher than in the previous ASIC conferences with a participation of about 200-250 delegates from different countries. The ASIC Secretariat in Paris has conveyed to us that requests have been received from 29 scientists representing different producing countries seeking financial support for their participation in the conference and that together they would be contributing a total of 45 research papers to the Conference. As you may be aware that it has been a tradition of the ASIC conferences to provide much needed support to the scientists of less developed coffee producing countries to enable their participation in the deliberations of the conference and gain experience of interacting with other scientists.

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Besides sponsoring the scientists from producing countries, the Organizing Committee of the Conference is also required to meet the air fare, accommodation and hospitality of 6 invited speakers who have kindly agreed to make lead presentations on certain important issues. Together, these two items work out to be in the range of US \$ 50,000. The Organizing Committee of ASIC 2004 conference is looking for certain financial support in the form of institutional support and sponsorships by coffee industry stake holders.

The ICO has been supporting the ASIC conferences in the past by providing financial support to an extent of US \$ 10,000. I request your good offices to kindly grant an appropriate level of support from the ICO funds and contribute towards larger participation of scientists from less developed producing countries.

We look forward eagerly to your support.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


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