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Promotion Committee 25 May 2006 London, England Contribution to the 21<sup>st</sup> ASIC Conference

## Background

1. At its meeting in January 2006, the Steering Group on Promotion noted a request from the Association Scientifique Internationale du Café (ASIC) for financial support for the  $21^{st}$  ASIC Conference to be held in Montpelier, France from 11 - 15 September 2006. The Group further noted that exporting Members would consider this proposal and a decision would be taken in May 2006.

2. Contributions from the Promotion Fund for ASIC Conferences have been made on previous occasions, including US\$10,000 for the ASIC Conference held in Bangalore, India in 2004 (document PC-22/04) and US\$20,000 for the Conference held in Nairobi, Kenya in 1997.

3. The current cash balance held by the Promotion Fund established by exporting Members under previous International Coffee Agreements is US\$235,000.

## Action

Exporting Members are invited <u>to consider</u> the request for a contribution of [US\$5,000] from the Promotion Fund for the 21<sup>st</sup> ASIC Conference to be held in Montpelier, France from 11 – 15 September 2006 <u>and, if appropriate, to authorize</u> the Executive Director to arrange payment of an agreed amount to ASIC.