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Vietnam Coffee and Cocoa Association**

Background

The attached communication has been received from the Vice-Chairman of the Vietnam Coffee and Cocoa Association (VICOFA) in response to a question on cooperation between the Governments of Indonesia and Vietnam which was raised during the meeting of the PSCB on 30 January 2006.

Action

The PSCB is requested to note this document.



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Subject: Agreed Minutes between the Government of Indonesia and the Government of S.R Vietnam on Cooperation on Robusta Coffee

Dear Mr. Pablo Dubois

In reply to the question raised by Mr. Robert F. Nelson, President, CEO of National Coffee Association of USA at the ICO meeting, January 30th 2006, that Vietnam and Indonesia had Agreed to cooperate on coffee, I would like to have some following details:

On April 26th 2005 in Ha Long city, Mr. Luong Van Tu, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Trade of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and Ms. Mari Elka Pangestu, Minister of the Ministry of Trade of Republic of Indonesia has signed an Agreed Minutes on Cooperation of Robusta coffee between the two countries.

In the Agreed Minutes, it was mentioned that the two sides carry on doing research to improve coffee quality and methods of supplying Robusta coffee to the world market. The two sides came to an agreement that a Joint Committee should be set up to study policy to improve the quality and supply of Robusta coffee in the international market.

Up to the present, everything is being prepared. To the Vietnam side, the Ministry of Trade of Vietnam expressed the wish of reducing Robusta production and Robusta supply to the world market in order to improve the supply and demand scale. I, Vice Charman of the Vietnam Coffee - Cocoa Association (VICOFA), had introduced this idea at the Meeting of ASEAN National Focal Point Working Group on Coffee in Yojakarta, Indonesia on December 29th 2005.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doan Trieu Nhan", is written over a diagonal line.

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