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**Programme of activities for the
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Comments by Brazil

Background

This document contains comments made by Brazil on the draft programme of activities for the Organization for coffee year 2010/11 during the Executive Board meeting on 2 March 2010 in Guatemala.

PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE ORGANIZATION – 2010/11 COMMENTS BY BRAZIL

General comments

Brazil favours the development of activities related to economic aspects of sustainable coffee production and considers that the ICO should not develop activities that could give rise to non-tariff barriers to the coffee trade.

Brazil considers that the next ICO seminar should be devoted to sources of finance for coffee activities, financing of stocks, risk management, and credit instruments. The results of the Seminar would assist the activities of the Consultative Forum on Coffee Sector Finance.

Specific proposals

With regard to Activity 3 relating to the review of means for achieving equilibrium between supply and demand, as well as fair prices for both producers and consumers, Brazil emphasizes the importance of planned activities for 2010/11, which give the producing sector greater capacity for financing their coffee activities, including managing their stocks in countries of origin.

With regard to Activity 8 relating to Article 24 of the 2007 Agreement (Removal of obstacles to trade and consumption), Brazil reiterates the importance of completing the planned activities for 2010/11:

- (i) report on tariffs, non-tariff barriers, and indirect taxes; and
- (ii) gathering of information on obstacles to trade and consumption.

With regard to Activity 20 relating to sustainability of the coffee sector, Brazil believes that social and environmental sustainability is largely dependent on the economic sustainability of production. Moreover, Brazil considers that it is not the function of the ICO to establish social and environmental criteria for coffee production, since these matters are usually subject to national regulations.

With regard to Activity 22 relating to the dissemination of information on the effects of climate change, Brazil proposes the deletion of the phrase “and other relevant actions”, bearing in mind that the meaning is vague and that it could provide room for various interpretations and counter-productive activities.