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**Decision of the Council regarding *de minimis*
shortfalls**

In its meeting on 24 September 2012 the Finance and Administration Committee examined the situation where a Member pays its contribution, but a shortfall arises in £ because of exchange rate fluctuations or bank charges. The Committee recommended to the Council that discretion be given to the Executive Director to ignore shortfalls when determining votes at the beginning of a Council Session when the shortfall is *de minimis* (see paragraphs 24 and 25 in document FA-51/12). This was approved by the Council in September 2012 (see document ICC-109-16). However, no definition was given to the concept of *de minimis*.

The International Coffee Council takes the following decision:

It authorizes the Executive Director to ignore shortfalls when determining votes at the beginning of a Council Session when the shortfall is *de minimis*. The latter is defined as being £1,000 or 5% of the Member's contribution, whichever is the greater, with the further proviso that the shortfall is paid by the Member in the following financial year.