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**Future of the International  
Coffee Agreement (ICA) 2001**

**Communication from Norway**

## **Background**

The following communication on the future of the ICA 2001 has been received from Norway.

## **Action**

The Executive Board and the International Coffee Council are requested to consider this document.

## **FUTURE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT (ICA) 2001**

### **COMMUNICATION FROM NORWAY**

Norway values the work of the ICO and sees the Organization as a useful forum for international cooperation on coffee matters, both between consumer and producer Members and the private sector.

In general terms we are pleased with the work of the Organization and the terms of reference of the Agreement. Thus Norway can support a prolongation of the International Coffee Agreement (ICA) of 2001.

Although improvements can be made both to the scope, structure and functioning of the Agreement, we do not see the immediate need for a full renegotiation at this juncture. We believe that a full renegotiation could be very time consuming, and are at this stage questioning the value-added of such an exercise.

If it comes to a renegotiation, Norway would consider to propose amendments to the references to environment, sustainability and ILO conventions as important themes that would make the Agreement more up-to-date.

Norway continues to believe that the Agreement should be based on cooperation between consumers and producers, and that this duality should be maintained as a pillar both in the Agreement and in the Organization's voting procedures. We believe the Agreement provides a good forum for a fruitful dialogue between the exporting and the importing Members.