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

Communication from Burundi

Background

The following communication on the future of the ICA 2001 has been received from Burundi, in response to the decision taken by the International Coffee Council at its 95th Session that Members should submit proposals on the future of the ICA 2001 by 15 August 2006.

Action

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BURUNDI COFFEE OFFICE – “OCIBU”

Proposal on the future of the International Coffee Agreement 2001

Burundi has gladly subscribed to the Agreement. However, we consider that although the Agreement is well structured, it has proved to be limited in terms of its operation.

We propose that it be amended to define a more precise and operationally effective framework that would satisfy all Members.

The amended Agreement should clearly guarantee equity for all Members in the operation of its activities.

The new concepts of sustainability, traceability and others can only be successfully applied in the context of a well thought out and more committed Agreement, offering possibilities and realistic practical means of strengthening the capacities of producing countries on both the commercial and institutional levels.

The Agreement should include details on short-term strategies or measures for the recovery and support of production in Member countries facing difficulties.