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**Future of the International
Coffee Agreement (ICA) 2001**
Communication from Nigeria

Background

The following communication regarding the future of the ICA 2001 has been received from Nigeria.

Action

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

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Submission for the negotiation of the new International Coffee Agreement

Reference: Votes Article 29 (4)

Comment: Nigeria like many other developing countries has problem tracking production and obtaining statistical information required from its coffee trade.

2. The importance of statistics and other information can not be overemphasized because of the need to make accurate trade forecast. Article 29(4) of the International Coffee Agreement, 2001 makes provision for Technical Assistance on the prompting of the Council. However, in spite of our difficulty in obtaining information as at when due, no assistance has been forthcoming from the ICO.

3. In view of the above, Nigeria will like to propose an amendment/addition to the Article as follows:

ARTICLE 29(4)

" If a member fails to supply or finds difficulty in supplying within a reasonable time statistical and other information required by the Council

for the proper functioning of the organization, the Council may require the member concerned to explain the reasons for non-compliance. If it is found that Technical Assistance is needed in the matter, the Council may take any necessary measures". The following statement should be added: **"Also, the member state may inform Council of its difficulty and request for Technical Assistance"**.



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for: Honourable Minister.