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

Communication from Tanzania

Background

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

Action

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



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Dear Sir,

RE: Tanzania's Position on the Future of ICA 2001

I have the honour to forward you herewith a Paper on the Proposals from the stakeholders of the Coffee sector in Tanzania, on the future of the International Coffee Agreement (ICA) 2001

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

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TANZANIA'S PROPOSALS FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT (ICA) 2001.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Tanzania is among the coffee producing countries that have benefited from their membership to the International Coffee Organisation. As such, Tanzania advocates for the extension of the current Agreement with some amendments in certain areas.

2.0 PROPOSED AREAS FOR AMENDMENT

2.1 MISSION AND OBJECTIVES: ARTICLE 1.

We propose a catch phrase to be included which reflect the need for addressing issues of poverty in coffee producing countries through promotion of mechanism that ensure fair returns to coffee producers.

We also propose that, issue of sustainability in coffee economies be emphatically reflected in the mission and objectives of the organisation.

2.2 COFFEE MARKET REMUNERATIVE PRICES : Articles .29,33 and 34

Mechanisms should be developed that will reduce the gap between retail consumer and producer prices. Currently the gap is wider and it does not reflect the actual cost involved in the production of coffee.

The objective of meeting consumer satisfaction through quality, sanitary, phytosanitary measures and other concerns should in no way constitute barriers to trade.

2.3 ON PROCEDURES: ARTICLE 52,53

Mechanism should be established for ensuring a smooth transition to the new Agreement upon expiry of the current one.

2.4 PROJECTS

Procedures for approving projects should be streamlined, made simple and clear with elaborate timeline for completion and submission of Project proposals.

3.0 CONCLUSION

The position of Tanzania is not to renegotiate a new Pact, but to amend few areas of the current Agreement to save time and other resources needed for undertaking other developmental issues.

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