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Virtual Screening Committee 30 January 2006 (10.00) London, England

Draft Agenda

1. Draft Agenda - to adopt

2. Background information on the preparation of projects to note

The Virtual Screening Committee (VSC) was set up to expedite the process of reviewing projects. Before its creation, project proposals were sent to the Executive Board to be technically examined and, when approved in principle, submitted to the Council for final approval.

The following documents have been circulated:

Basic information on the submission of applications to the EB-3573/96 Rev. 4 Common Fund for Commodities (CFC) for financial support for activities related to coffee

Further information is available in the Manual for the preparation and management of projects to be financed by the CFC, which can be downloaded from the CFC website www.common-fund.org

Coffee development projects - Progress report EB-3904/06 Virtual Screening Committee – Draft terms of reference WP-Board No. 955/04 Rev. 1

The Executive Director will report.

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3. Evaluation of projects and methodology – to note

The ICO is the designated International Commodity Body (ICB) for coffee projects at the CFC and is responsible for formally submitting projects for funding. The Organization is also responsible for the prioritization, formulation and supervision of projects. The Executive Director will report.

The following documents have been circulated:

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Development strategy for coffee	EB-3768/01 Rev. 3
Deadlines for submission of project proposals in 2005/06	ED-1956/05
Feedback from the VSC on project proposals – to discuss	EB-3894/05 EB-3906/06
The VSC is a "virtual" Committee and its Members communicate by email. It is open to all Member countries of the Organization. At present the VSC is composed of 2 exporting countries and 3 importing countries. The Executive Director will report.	
Operation of the VSC	
The VSC has developed through three stages: a trial period, the appointment of its participants and the definition of terms of reference, and regular operation (May 2005 to January 2006). The Executive Director will report.	
The VSC project checklist have been circulated.	VSC project checklist
Open floor for discussions – <i>to consider</i>	
Members are invited to put forward their suggestions as to the further development of the terms of reference, processes and methodology.	
A form used by the USAID to evaluate programme proposals have been circulated.	WP-VSC No. 2/06
Report to the Executive Board	verbal
The Executive Director will report on the conclusions of the VSC to the Executive Board.	