



International Coffee Council  
131<sup>st</sup> Session (Special)  
9 and 10 February 2022  
London, United Kingdom

**Post of Executive Director of the ICO  
Voting procedures**

**Background**

1. The Council at its 130<sup>th</sup> Session decided to recommend two candidates to present their candidacy to the 131<sup>st</sup> Special Session of the Council from 9 to 10 February 2021, as follows:

- Ms Vanúsia Maria Carneiro Nogueira, endorsed by the Government of Brazil
- Mr Tran Kim Long, endorsed by the Government of Vietnam

2. Document [ICC-129-6](#), which was approved by the Council during its 129<sup>th</sup> Session in April 2021, sets out the terms of reference for the post. Members are reminded that paragraph 1 of Article 14 (Decisions of the Council) of the ICA 2007, stipulates that the Council shall endeavour to take all decisions and to make all recommendations by consensus or, if consensus cannot be reached, by a distributed majority vote of 70% or more of exporting Members, present and voting, and 70% or more of importing Members, present and voting, counted separately. As Article 14 is the main reference for Council decisions and provides for decisions to be taken by a vote, it provides the necessary legal reference for the appointment of the Executive Director, who would be the choice of the majority of Members through this process.

**Action**

The Council is requested to consider this document.

**POST OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION (ICO)  
VOTING PROCEDURES**

**Requirements for voting**

1. For the purposes of paragraph 4 of Article 11 (Quorum required for the Council) the presence of more than half of the number of exporting and importing Members representing respectively at least two-thirds of the votes for each category, is required. Therefore, only Members of the International Coffee Agreement (ICA) 2007 with voting rights (i.e. who are not in arrears with contributions) count for the purpose of a quorum.

2. Paragraph 2 of Article 13 (Voting procedure of the Council) provides that any exporting Member may authorize in writing any other exporting Member, and any importing Member may authorize in writing any other importing Member, to represent its interests and to exercise its right to vote at any meeting or meetings of the Council. In addition, Rule 14 (Quorum) of the Rules of the ICO provides that the Executive Director, at each meeting of a session of the Council, shall advise the Chairman whether the quorum prescribed in paragraph 4 of Article 11 is present and which Members are authorized to represent which other Members under the provisions of paragraph 2 of Article 13.

3. On the basis of the above and of the current membership of the ICA 2007 as at 30 November 2021, at least 70% of exporting Members with voting rights and at least 70% of importing Members with voting rights would need to be physically present at any time a vote was taken, or if not attending the meeting, to have authorized another Member to represent them. If a quorum is not achieved at the start of each meeting, the opening of the meeting may be postponed for two periods of at least two hours as provided for in paragraph 4 of Article 11 of the ICA 2007, following which the matter on which a decision is required will need to be deferred to the next Council Session.

4. If Members are absent at the time of a vote, or unable to attend the meeting in person, in accordance with paragraph (2) of Article 13 of the 2007 Agreement, any exporting Member may authorize in writing any other exporting Member, and any importing Member may authorize in writing any other importing Member, to represent its interests and to exercise its right to vote at any meeting or meetings of the Council. This authorization should reach the Executive Director before a vote takes place. Annex I to this document contains a model of an authorization letter.

## **Voting procedures**

5. The procedures for a vote are outlined in Articles 12, 13 and 14 of the ICA 2007, and Rules 30-33 of the Rules of the ICO. Rule 31 provides that voting shall normally be by roll-call from the list of exporting and importing Members in the English alphabetical order, beginning with the name of a Member selected at random by the Chairperson; that the result of each vote, including affirmative and negative votes and abstentions shall be announced; and that only affirmative and negative votes shall count for the purpose of recording how many votes are cast. As provided for in paragraph 1 of Article 13 of the ICA 2007, Members are not entitled to divide their votes.

6. If no candidate obtains a distributed majority in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 14, Members may wish to consider holding run-off votes until a distributed majority vote is obtained.

7. **Credentials:** Rules 1 – 4 of the Rules of the ICO provide for accreditation and require the competent authorities of Members to issue credentials as early as possible after receiving notification of a Council Session. Given that Members will need to be accredited to participate in the meetings, the Chairman will report to the Council at the beginning of each session in which a vote is scheduled to be taken on the status of credentials received by Members. A Member which is attending but which has not submitted credentials would not be eligible to participate in the voting process until accredited or unless it has authorized another Member to represent its interests in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 13 of the ICA 2007.

8. **Payment of arrears:** In the case of countries in arrears who notify the ICO that they have paid their contribution, confirmation of receipt of funds will need to be given by the ICO's bank to the Secretariat for the votes to be restored.

9. **New Members:** In the case of new Members depositing instruments during the week of the Session, votes will be attributed on the date the instrument is deposited.

10. **Redistribution of votes:** The votes document will be updated each day, if necessary, to reflect changes to the status of membership and payment of arrears.

11. **Bilateral consultations:** The Chair of the International Coffee Council will hold informal bilateral consultations on the appointment of the new Executive Director with

all Members that have submitted their credentials to the Secretariat of the Organization (with the exception of Member Governments of the two candidates for the post). Further information on the procedure to join bilateral consultations is contained in Annex II of the present document.

**MODEL**

**EXAMPLE OF AUTHORIZATION TO REPRESENT A MEMBER'S INTERESTS AND  
EXERCISE ITS VOTING RIGHTS (IF THE MEMBER IS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE SESSION)**

[Date]

Mr José Sette  
Executive Director  
International Coffee Organization  
222 Gray's Inn Road  
London WC1X 8HB

Dear Mr Sette,

**131<sup>st</sup> Session of the International Coffee Council**  
(London, United Kingdom, 9 and 10 February 2022)

I have the honour to inform you that my Government will not be represented at the 131<sup>st</sup> Session but has authorized [*insert name of another Member country*] to represent its interests and to exercise its right to vote at the 131<sup>st</sup> Session of the International Coffee Council in February 2022.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]\*

[Name]

[Title]

[Member country]

\* To be signed by a representative of the competent authorities of the Member country.

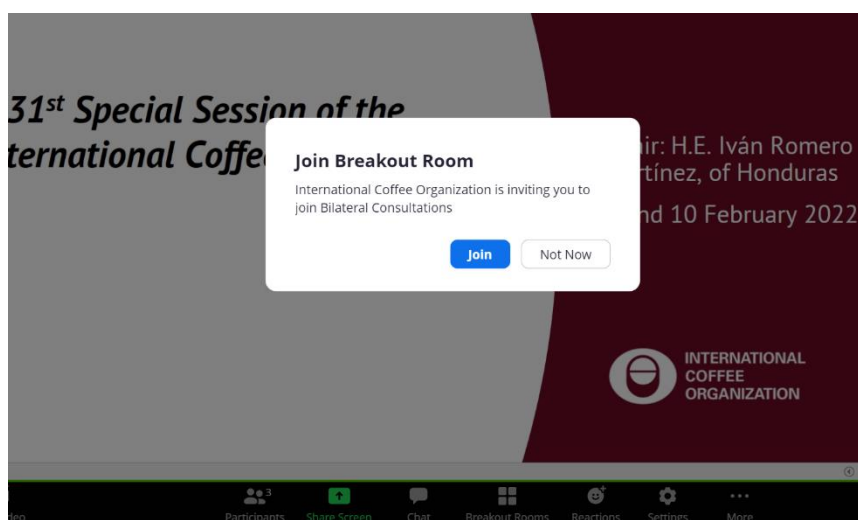
## BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INSTRUCTIONS TO JOIN

### 1. Background information

Within the activities of the 131<sup>st</sup> Special Session of the International Coffee Council, the Chair, H.E. Ambassador Iván Romero-Martínez of Honduras, will be conducting informal bilateral consultations in order to note the voting intentions of Members and assess whether there is a consensus on the appointment of the new Executive Director.

### 2. Instructions to join the bilateral consultations

- Informal bilateral consultations shall take place in a dedicated “virtual room” within the Zoom Session of the 131<sup>st</sup> International Coffee Council (9 and 10 February). Based on credentials submitted and on time zones, the Secretariat will draft a schedule with assigned time slots for each Member invited to take part in the bilateral consultations.
- The 131<sup>st</sup> Session of the International Coffee Council will run from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. UK time. Members are invited to join the ICC Session on Zoom as usual and be ready to join the “*Bilateral Consultations*” room **at least 15 minutes prior to their assigned time slot**. This is to allow for any last-minute technical problems they may encounter to be addressed by the Secretariat.
- Each bilateral consultation shall last 4 minutes. Only the Head of Delegation of each Member will be assigned to the “*Bilateral Consultations*” room at the time indicated in the circulated schedule. In order to join the “*Bilateral Consultations*” breakout room the Head of Delegation is requested to accept the notification received on their screen (see picture below).



- Once the consultation is over, the Head of Delegation will accept the notification received on their screen in order to re-join the 131<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council.

#### Kindly note:

- The proposed schedule for bilateral consultations may be revised should the Secretariat receive new credentials from Members.
- The link to join the 131<sup>st</sup> Session of the International Coffee Council and the Bilateral Consultations (both on day 1 and day 2) will always be the same.
- Interpretation will not be available in the “*Bilateral Consultations*” room.

**BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AS OF 7 FEBRUARY 2022**

<b>Bilateral Consultations – 9 FEBRUARY</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
15:00	Colombia	Juan Esteban Orduz
15:05	Costa Rica	Xinia Chaves Quirós
15:10	Cuba	Marta Castillo González
15:15	Ecuador	Sebastián Corral
15:20	El Salvador	Vanessa Interiano
15:25	Honduras	Nelson Omar Fúnez
15:30	Mexico	Yanerit Morgan Sotomayor
15:35	Nicaragua	Guisell Morales-Echaverry
15:40	Peru	Juan Carlos Gamarra
15:45	Angola	Geraldo Sachipengo Nunda
15:50	Burundi	Elisa Nkerabirori
15:55	Cameroon	Abdoulaye Nana
16:00	Congo DR	Corneille Tabalo
16:05	European Union	Zoltan Agai

<b>Bilateral Consultations – 10 FEBRUARY</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Delegate</b>
09:00	Papua New Guinea	Winnie A Kiap
09:05	Japan	Hidetaka Kobayashi
09:10	Philippines	Antonio M. Lagdameo
09:15	Indonesia	Reza Pahlevi Chairul
09:20	Nepal	Bishnu Prasad Bhattarai
09:25	India	K.G. Jagadeesha
09:30	Madagascar	Tojonirina Ramarolahy
09:35	Cote d'Ivoire	Aly Touré
09:40	Ethiopia	Teferi Meles
09:45	Gabon	Thierry Prosper Mboutsou
09:50	Ghana	Emmanuel Agyemang Dwomoh
09:55	Kenya	Enosh O. Akuma
10:00	Norway	Elizabeth Walaas
10:05	Switzerland	Stefanie Küng
10:10	Russian Federation	Alexander I. Yarovoy
10:15	Togo	Enselme Gouthon
10:20	United Kingdom	Thomas George