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**ICO Seminar on
Genetically Modified Coffee**

London, 17 May 2005

1. The Executive Director presents his compliments and has the pleasure of inviting Members, Private Sector Consultative Board (PSCB) associations and observers to attend the ICO Seminar on Genetically Modified Coffee from 14.00 to 18.00 on Tuesday, 17 May 2005. The event will take place at the headquarters of the Organization at 22 Berners Street, London, during the week of the 93rd Session of the Council (information about these meetings has been circulated previously in document ED-1944/05). Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese.

2. The purpose of the Seminar is to review the current situation of genetically modified coffee, and to inform Members about developments in this area. The event will be chaired by Mr. Ezzedine Boutrif, Chief, Food Quality and Standards Service, at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). It will bring together representatives of research institutions, producing countries, scientists, Non-Governmental Organizations and other organizations interested in this field. A copy of the preliminary programme is attached.

3. The Executive Director wishes to recommend representation at the event by all ICO Member Governments, to ensure wide-ranging discussions and to generate conclusions and, if appropriate, recommendations for follow-up action.

4. The Seminar is free of charge to ICO Members, representatives of the PSCB associations and invited observers. For all other participants from interested institutions, there is a registration fee of £50 to help defray costs.

Registration

5. Members are requested to send details in writing to the Executive Director of their designated participants to the Seminar **by 5 May** (if different from the delegations attending the 93rd Session of the Council). Representatives of PSCB associations and observers are requested to confirm their attendance by completing and returning the attached registration form to the ICO **by 5 May** either by email: info@ico.org or by fax: +44 (0) 20 7580 6129.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Seminar on Genetically Modified Coffee International Coffee Organization, London Tuesday, 17 May 2005 (14.00)

- 13.30 – 14.00 **Registration**
- 14.00 – 14.25 **Opening remarks:**
- Néstor Osorio, Executive Director, International Coffee Organization
 - Chairman: Mr. Ezzedine Boutrif, Chief, Food Quality and Standards Service, FAO
- 14.25 – 14.40 **Definitions and key issues relating to GM crops and GM coffee**
- Scientist: Dr. Peter Baker, Coffee Projects Coordinator, CABI Bioscience, UK
- 14.40 – 15.40 **Development of GM coffee: various experiences**
- Research institute: Christophe Montagnon, Adviser for Coffee and Cocoa Matters, CIRAD, France
 - Research institute: Mr. Luíz Gonzaga Vieira, Researcher, Embrapa Café, Brazil
 - Independent body: Professor Vivian Moses, Chairman of CropGen Panel, Visiting Professor of Biotechnology at King's College London
 - Industry: Dr. John I. Stiles, Chief Scientific Officer, Integrated Coffee Technologies Inc., Hawaii
- 15.40 – 16.40 **Impact of GM crops in general and GM coffee in particular**
- Health: To be confirmed
 - Socio-economic/corporate: François Meienberg, Bern Declaration
 - Environment: GM crops in general: Pete Riley, Director, Five Year Freeze Campaign
- 16.40 – 16.50 **Coffee break**
- 16.50 – 17.05 **Challenges and opportunities for coffee producing countries**
- Côte d'Ivoire: Dr. Abdourahmane Sangare, Directeur, Laboratoire Central de Biotechnologies, Centre National de Recherche Agronomique (CNRA)
- 17.05 – 17.30 **Issues of labelling, traceability and economic impact:**
- Peter Loosen, LL.M., German Food Industry Federation, Head of Brussels office, for Confederation of the Food and Drink Industries of the EU (CIAA)
- Current legislation:** To be confirmed
- 17.30 – 17.50 **General discussion followed by questions and answers**
- 17.50 – 18.00 **Chairperson's concluding remarks**
- Rapporteur: **Pablo Dubois, Head of Operations, ICO**



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**ICO SEMINAR ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED COFFEE
17 May 2005 (14.00)**

ATTENDANCE FORM

I will/ will not* attend the ICO Seminar on Genetically Modified Coffee to be held at the headquarters of the International Coffee Organization in London at 14.00 on 17 May 2005 (a separate form should be completed for each participant).

Name of ICO Member country/PSCB association/observer:

Name:

Position:

Organization/company:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

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To be completed by fee-paying participants only:

*I enclose a registration fee of £50 (N.B. cheques must be drawn on a UK bank payable to the International Coffee Organization**

*I wish to pay the registration fee of £50 by credit card * Credit card type: Mastercard/Visa **

Cardholder's name:..... Card number:.....

Expiry date:..... Cardholder's signature:

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Please return to:

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