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Discussions on the future of the International Coffee Agreement 2001

1. The Executive Director presents his compliments and wishes to inform Members that as decided by the Board and Council in September 2005, time for discussions on the future of the 2001 Agreement has been set aside during the ICO meetings which will take place from 30 January to 1 February 2006. Copies of the Convocation and the Agendas for the January meetings are being circulated separately (see document ED-1974/05).

Programme of work

Monday 30 January (15.30 – 18.00)	Executive Board (regular work)
Tuesday 31 January (10.00 – 12.30)	Executive Board (future of the Agreement)
Tuesday 31 January (15.00 – 18.00)	Executive Board (future of the Agreement)
Wednesday 1 February (10.00 – 18.00)	Executive Board (regular work)

2. The Executive Board meeting will be open to all ICO Members and observers and the Executive Director will circulate a report on progress made by the Organization in achieving the objectives of the Agreement since 2001. Members will review progress and consider proposals received from Members. The Executive Board will consider the outcome of these discussions and develop a plan of work for the future of the Agreement.

Submission of proposals

3. Members are invited to consult stakeholders in their countries and submit proposals in writing to the Executive Director on areas of possible change or addition to the 2001 Agreement.

4. These proposals should reach the Executive Director no later than **Friday 16 December** to enable them to be translated and circulated to all Members in good time for the discussions in January 2006 (either by email to info@ico.org or by fax to: +44 (0) 20 7580 6129). Annex I outlines a list of issues associated with the 2001 Agreement¹ which Members may wish to include in their responses, and which will be used as the basis for discussions at the meeting on 31 January.

Copies of the 2001 Agreement

5. A copy of the 2001 Agreement in the four official languages can be downloaded from the ICO website (www.ico.org/2001_agreement.asp) or can be sent to Members on request.

¹ *The survey is based on a model used by the International Tropical Timber Organization.*

International Coffee Agreement 2001

Is there a need for substantial changes to the 2001 Agreement?

Identify the strengths of the 2001 Agreement.

Identify any perceived constraints or weaknesses of the 2001 Agreement.

Identify possible improvements or changes to the objectives (Article 1).

New and emerging issues

Identify new and emerging issues which have implications for the Agreement, including those arising from the 2nd World Coffee Conference.

Identify your views on the relationship between the ICO and other relevant international organizations, treaties and processes.

Institutional and organizational issues

Organizational structure

Should the organization of the Council and its subsidiary bodies remain the same or be changed? If so, how?

Views on the frequency and duration of meetings for the Council, Board and subsidiary bodies.

Is the structure and scope of work of the Secretariat adequate as it is or should it be changed?

Funding mechanisms

Should there be other ways to finance the work of the ICO beyond the current sources?

Continuity

Can changes sought be introduced by amendment or resolution?

Are there ways of reducing the administrative implications (particularly financial and legal) of renegotiation compared with amendment?

Other issues

Please provide any other comments on the 2001 Agreement and the ICO in relation to the discussions on the future of the Agreement.