



International Coffee Organization
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Communication to non-member countries

**International Coffee Agreement 2007 –
request for contact details**

1. The Executive Director presents his compliments and wishes to inform non-member countries about the International Coffee Agreement (ICA) 2007 and to request contact details for communications on the new Agreement.

Status of ICA 2007

2. The ICA 2007 was agreed by the International Coffee Council, meeting in London on 28 September 2007, and was formally adopted through Council Resolution 431. The final text of the ICA 2007 is available as document ICC-98-6 in all ICO official languages (English, French, Portuguese and Spanish) and can be downloaded from the documents section of the ICO website as follows:

English: <http://dev.ico.org/documents/icc98-6e.pdf>

French: <http://dev.ico.org/documents/icc98-6f.pdf>

Spanish: <http://dev.ico.org/documents/icc98-6c.pdf>

Portuguese: <http://dev.ico.org/documents/icc98-6p.pdf>

Designation of depositary

3. On 25 January 2008, the Council will hold a Special Session to consider a proposal to designate the International Coffee Organization as the Depositary of the ICA 2007. The Executive Director has conducted consultations with ICO Members and all responses to date have supported the proposal that the ICO should become the Depositary of the Agreement.

4. If the Council appoints the ICO as the Depositary for the ICA 2007, the Agreement will then open for signature at the ICO headquarters in London from 1 February 2008

to 31 August 2008, with the deposit of instruments to take place between 1 February and 30 September 2008. Signature of the Agreement is open to Contracting Parties to the ICA 2001 and to Governments invited to the 98th Session of the Council at which the ICA 2007 was adopted (see the Annex). Information about procedures for membership of the ICA 2007 will be circulated separately.

5. The Organization will need to be ready to take immediate action to fulfil its obligations if it is appointed as Depositary on 25 January 2008. These will include transmitting two certified true copies of the ICA 2007 to countries eligible to become Members and circulating depositary notifications to communicate actions relating to the Agreement, such as the opening of the new Agreement for signature. In the case of previous International Coffee Agreements, it has been standard practice for such documents to be sent by the United Nations to the Treaty Services of Ministries of Foreign Affairs. This is the practice that the ICO will adopt if appointed as Depositary.

Request for contacts for communications relating to the ICA 2007

6. To assist the ICO in ensuring that certified true copies and depositary notifications reach the appropriate authorities without delay, non-member countries are requested to inform the Executive Director of the contact point for receipt of communications relating to the ICA 2007, such as the treaty sections or legal offices of their Ministries of Foreign Affairs. The contact details should include:

Full name of contact person

Title or official position

Organization/Ministry

Full postal address

Telephone

Fax

Email address (specific)

Email address (general)

7. In the case of the email address, it is suggested that a general email address also be provided, where possible, to avoid difficulties with communication if there are changes in personnel. This information should be sent to the Executive Director by fax (+44 (0) 20 7612 0630) or email (depositary@ico.org) no later than **14 January 2008**.

8. In the event that no details for a contact point are provided, the Executive Director proposes to send the certified true copies to the Mission of the non-member country in London, and depositary notifications to the email address to which invitations to attend the Council are sent to the country.

COUNTRIES ELIGIBLE TO SIGN THE ICA 2007

Article 40 of the ICA 2007 provides that Contracting Parties to the ICA 2001 and Governments invited to the Council session at which the ICA 2007 was adopted may sign the ICA 2007. They are listed as follows:

Contracting Parties to the ICA 2001: Exporting Members

Angola	Dominican Republic	Kenya	Togo
Benin	Ecuador	Madagascar	Uganda
Bolivia	El Salvador	Malawi	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Brazil	Ethiopia	Mexico	Vietnam
Burundi	Gabon	Nicaragua	Zambia
Cameroon	Ghana	Nigeria	Zimbabwe
Central African Republic	Guatemala	Panama	
Colombia	Guinea	Papua New Guinea	
Congo, Dem. Rep. of	Haiti	Paraguay	
Congo, Republic of	Honduras	Philippines	
Costa Rica	India	Rwanda	
Côte d'Ivoire	Indonesia	Tanzania	
Cuba	Jamaica	Thailand	

Contracting Parties to the ICA 2001: Importing Members

European Community¹
Japan
Norway
Switzerland
USA

Governments invited as observers to attend the 98th Session of the Council at which the ICA 2007 was negotiated

Algeria	Fiji	Mozambique	Sudan
Argentina	Iceland	Myanmar	Syrian Arab Republic
Armenia	Iran, Islamic Republic of	Nepal	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Australia	Israel	New Zealand	Timor-Leste
Belarus	Jordan	Oman	Trinidad and Tobago
Belize	Korea, Republic of	Pakistan	Tunisia
Botswana	Kuwait	Peru	Turkey
Cambodia	Lao People's Dem. Rep.	Russian Federation	Ukraine
Canada	Lebanon	Saudi Arabia	United Arab Emirates
Chile	Liberia	Serbia	Uruguay
China	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Sierra Leone	Yemen
Croatia	Malaysia	Singapore	
Egypt	Mauritius	South Africa	
Equatorial Guinea	Morocco	Sri Lanka	

¹ Paragraph (4) of Article 40 of the 2007 Agreement provides that the EC shall deposit a declaration with the Depository confirming its exclusive competence over matters governed by the Agreement. The member States of the EC shall not be eligible to become Contracting Parties to the Agreement.