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Admission of observers

Background

1. Rule 5 of the Rules of the Organization provides that at the start of each Session, the Council shall decide on the acceptance of observers and designate the items on the Agenda of the Council open to accepted observers. The admission of observers to Committee meetings will need to be decided at the same time¹.
2. Meetings of the Finance and Administration Committee are only open to Members. The terms of reference for the Private Sector Consultative Board (PSCB) (Annex II of document ICC-106-4) provide that non-members, relevant organizations and experts in coffee matters may participate at meetings upon the invitation of the PSCB. Observers should therefore submit requests to attend PSCB meetings through its Chairman.
3. Following consultations with the Chairman of the Council, in view of the short notice of the entry into force of the 2007 Agreement and, as invitations to observers had previously been circulated in January 2011 under the ICA 2001, observers were requested to inform the Executive Director a.i. by 25 February 2011 of the specific meetings they wished to attend. A list of observers who have advised the Executive Director a.i. of their attendance is attached as Annex I.
4. It is suggested that items relating to Finance and Administration and to the post of Executive Director on the Council Agenda should be restricted to Members only at this Session.

¹ Paragraph 5 of Rule 34 provides that the Rules of the ICO shall also apply to meetings of committees, other subsidiary bodies and advisory bodies.

Future Sessions

5. With a view to streamlining the process of accepting observers and encouraging attendance by non-member countries and other observers, it is proposed that at the last Session in each coffee year, the Council should approve a list of observers who may be admitted to Sessions in March and September of the following coffee year.

6. A list of observers who have been invited to previous Council Sessions and who could be admitted to the Council Session in September 2011 is attached as Annex II. It is also proposed that experts in the field of statistics could be invited to attend meetings of the Statistics Committee.

7. Observer countries and organizations not included on this list should submit requests for observer status in writing to the Executive Director at least 45 days prior to the September Session (i.e. by 11 August 2011). In the case of additional organizations and individuals invited to attend Council Sessions to make presentations or to make a contribution on a specific topic the Council would be informed about this at the start of the Session and they would attend for the relevant agenda item only.

8. The Council would decide at each Session specific items which would be open to observers in these categories. Annex III contains copies of Articles 15 and 16 of the 2007 Agreement and Rule 5 of the Rules of the International Coffee Organization.

Action

The Council is invited to consider the admission of the observers in the attached list and the items and meetings that shall be open to them, and to further consider and approve observers who may be admitted to the Council Session in September.

OBSERVERS WISHING TO ATTEND THE COUNCIL SESSION AND OTHER MEETINGS

Intergovernmental organizations	Meetings / Items of interest
Common Fund for Commodities (CFC)	Council Projects Committee
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	Council
InterAfrican Coffee Organisation (IACO)	Council Statistics Committee Projects Committee Promotion and Market Development Committee
PROMECAFE	Projects Committee
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)	Council Projects Committee
Non-member countries	
Japan	Council
Lao PDR	Council Statistics Committee Projects Committee Promotion and Market Development Committee
Saudi Arabia	Council Promotion and Market Development Committee
Private sector associations	
All Japan Coffee Association (AJCA)	Council Statistics Committee Projects Committee Promotion and Market Development Committee
Illycaffè	Projects Committee
Presentations / contributions on specific topics	
Oxford University Consulting (OUC)	Projects Committee – Item 3.1 (projects under consideration by the ICO)
Requests from new observers at this Session	
None	

ANNEX II

Council Sessions

Non-member countries

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

Intergovernmental organizations

- African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP)
- African Development Bank Group (ADB)
- CABI
- Codex Alimentarius Commission
- Common Fund for Commodities (CFC)
- Commonwealth Secretariat
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
 - International Centre for Science and High Technology (UNIDO – ICS)
- InterAfrican Coffee Organisation (IACO)
- Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
- Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) – Regional Program for the Development and Modernization of the Coffee Industry in Central America, Panama, the Dominican Republic and Jamaica (PROMECAFE)
- International Cocoa Organization (ICCO)
- International Cotton Advisory Committee
- International Grains Council
- International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund
- International Olive Oil Council
- International Sugar Organization
- International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (ITC)
- League of Arab States
- North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC)

- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- World Bank Group
- World Trade Organization (WTO)

Scientific organizations concerned with coffee

Association for Science and Information on Coffee (ASIC)

Centre for International Cooperation in Agronomic Research for Development (CIRAD)

Private Sector Consultative Board (PSCB) Associations

Exporting Members

Colombian Milds:

- Asociación de Exportadores de Café de Colombia (ASOEXPORT)
- *Sociedad Exportadora de Café de las Cooperativas de Caficultores (EXPOCAFE)*
- *Federación Nacional de Cafeteros de Colombia (FEDECAFE)*
- Eastern African Fine Coffees Association (EAFCA)

Other Milds:

- *Asociación Nacional del Café (Anacafé)*
- *Asociación Mexicana de la Cadena Productiva del Café (AMECAFE)*
- Coffee Exporters Association of India
- *Speciality Coffee Association of India*

Brazilian and other Natural Arabicas:

- Associação Brasileira da Indústria de Café (ABIC)
- *Associação Brasileira da Indústria de Café Solúvel (ABICS)*
- *Conselho dos Exportadores de Café do Brasil (CeCafé)*
- Confederação da Agricultura e Pecuária do Brasil (CNA)
- *Conselho Nacional do Café (CNC)*

Robustas:

- Association of Indonesian Coffee Exporters (AEKI)
- *Uganda Coffee Trade Federation (UCTF)*
- Comité de Gestion de la Filière Café-Cacao de Côte d'Ivoire

Importing Members

- All Japan Coffee Association (AJCA)
- Coffee Association of Canada (CAC)
- European Coffee Federation (ECF)
- Institute for Scientific Information on Coffee (ISIC)
- National Coffee Association of the USA (NCA)
- Specialty Coffee Association of America (SCAA)
- Speciality Coffee Association of Europe (SCAE)
- *European Decaffeinators Association (EDA)*

Experts in statistics who may attend Statistics Committee meetings

- Neil Rosser (*Neumann Kaffee Gruppe, Germany*)
- Rob Simmonds (*LMC International Ltd., United Kingdom*)
- Judy Ganes (*J. Ganes Consulting LLC*)
- Andrea Thompson (*Coffee Network*)

INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT 2007**ARTICLE 15****Cooperation with other organizations**

(1) The Council may make arrangements for consultation and cooperation with the United Nations and its specialized agencies; other appropriate intergovernmental organizations; and relevant international and regional organizations. It shall take full advantage of the facilities of the Common Fund for Commodities and other sources of funding. Such arrangements may include financial arrangements which the Council considers appropriate for achieving the objectives of this Agreement. However, in respect of the implementation of any project under such arrangements the Organization shall not incur any financial obligations for guarantees given by individual Members or other entities. No Member shall be responsible by reason of its membership of the Organization for any liability arising from borrowing or lending by any other Member or entity in connection with such projects.

(2) Where possible, the Organization may also collect from Members, non-members, and from donor and other agencies, information on development projects and programmes focussing on the coffee sector. Where appropriate, and with the agreement of the parties concerned, the Organization may make this information available to such other organizations as well as to Members.

ARTICLE 16**Cooperation with non-governmental organizations**

In pursuing the objectives of this Agreement, the Organization may, without prejudice to the provisions of Articles 15, 29, 30 and 31, establish and strengthen cooperative activities with appropriate non-governmental organizations having expertise in relevant aspects of the coffee sector and with other experts in coffee matters.

RULES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION

RULE 5 Observers

1. Any organization referred to in Article 16 of the Agreement, including private sector coffee associations and bodies, may request observer status at a session of the Council, by submitting such a request in writing to the Executive Director at least 45 days prior to the session.
2. The written request shall indicate the Agenda items of interest. If necessary, the Executive Director will request any additional information needed by the Council in considering such requests. At least 30 days prior to the session, the Executive Director shall circulate to all Members the names of organizations requesting observer status, along with additional information and a proposal for Council action on each request.
3. Comments and/or possible objections by Members to the above requests shall be communicated in writing to the Executive Director at least 15 days prior to the session. At least 10 days prior to the session, the Executive Director shall distribute to all Members any comments on such requests and provide information to the interested applicants on this. At the start of each Session, the Council shall decide on acceptance of observers and designate the items on the Agenda of the Council open to accepted observers.
4. The Council may also invite organizations and individuals to attend Council Sessions to make presentations or to make a contribution on a specific topic to be considered by the Council. Observers shall have no voice in the proceedings of the Council, its committees and subsidiary bodies, except by invitation of the respective Chairmen.