

INTERNATIONAL COCOA COUNCIL

Eighty-fourth regular session

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ANNOTATIONS TO THE DRAFT AGENDA

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

The eighty-fourth regular session of the Council will be opened by its Chairman, Mr. Tony Fofie (Ghana).

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Council will consider the draft agenda contained in this document as a basis for adopting its agenda.

3. DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES

The Executive Director *a.i.* will submit document ICC/84/3 showing the distribution of votes and statement of voting rights in the Council.

4. ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS

The Council will consider the admission of observers to its 84th regular session and to the 144th meeting of the Executive Committee.

5. MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTERNATIONAL COCOA ORGANIZATION

The Executive Director *a.i.* will report on the membership of the International Cocoa Organization, with reference to document ICC/84/4.

6. REVISED DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR THE 2011/2012 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Chairman of the Executive Committee will present the recommendations of the Committee on the revised draft Administrative Budget for the 2011/2012 financial year, with reference to document EX/143/6/Rev.1, for review by the Council.

7. HOSTING OF THE ICCO HEADQUARTERS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE

In accordance with the decision taken by the Council at its 31st special session in January 2008 related to the relocation of the headquarters of the Organization to Côte d'Ivoire, the Executive Director *a.i.* will report on the outcome of his visit to the country, with reference to document ICC/84/5.

The Council will take a decision on the way forward.

8. SELECTION OF AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Council may wish to review and decide on the criteria and procedures for the selection of a new Executive Director. The Executive Director *a.i.* will present document ICC/84/7 to assist the Council in its deliberations.

9. STUDY ON THE COSTS, ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF COCOA CERTIFICATION

As agreed by the Council at its 83rd regular session in March 2011, the Secretariat will present draft terms of reference for a Study on the Costs, Advantages and Disadvantages of Cocoa Certification, including target countries, methodology, implementation schedule, budget, possible sources of funding and any other relevant issues, with reference to document ICC/84/6.

The Council will review the draft terms of reference for the study, and take a decision on its implementation, amended as appropriate.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIRST AND SECOND ROUNDTABLE MEETINGS FOR A SUSTAINABLE COCOA ECONOMY (RSCE1 AND RSCE2) AND THE WAY FORWARD

As agreed during its 83rd regular session in March 2011, the Council will discuss the recommendations made in the framework of the First and Second Roundtable meetings (RSCE1 and RSCE2), as contained in the “Accra Agenda” and in the “Declaration of Trinidad and Tobago” respectively, together with document ICC/83/6/Rev.1 containing information received by Member countries on their implementation of the recommendations made by the RSCE1 and RSCE2.

The Council will consider the options regarding the way forward.

11. CO-OPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, DONORS, AID AGENCIES AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

The Executive Director will report to the Council on the status of initiatives being undertaken by the Secretariat to forge active co-operation with international organizations, donors, aid agencies and other development partners in support of the ICCO’s ongoing and future activities and projects.

In this respect, the Council will receive a presentation from Mr. Andrew Bovarnick, Global Head of the Green Commodities Facility on the United Nations Development Programme on his Organization’s approach to support National Cocoa Platforms, to be led by national governments with UNDP support, and the role that ICCO can play in enhancing this work from an international perspective.

The Council will also receive a statement from Ms. Aïda Der Hovanessian, Head, Agribusiness and Forestry Sector, African Department of the International Finance Corporation (IFC) on the role of her Organization and possible future co-operation with the ICCO in the area of project activities.

12. THE FUTURE OF THE COMMON FUND FOR COMMODITIES (CFC)

Following an introduction on this subject by the Executive Director *a.i.*, the Chairman will invite Mr. Parvinder Singh, Chief, Policy, Programme Management and Evaluation Unit of the Common Fund for Commodities (CFC), to make a statement on the current status of the discussions on the future and role of the CFC for consideration by the Council.

13. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION REGARDING CONTAMINANTS IN FOODSTUFFS, INCLUDING COCOA

The Secretariat has recently received information that the European Union is conducting a review of maximum limits for lead, cadmium, mercury and other contaminants, to be applied to imports of cocoa and cocoa products into the European Union. Maximum limits for Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH) in cocoa and cocoa products have already been agreed by the European Commission, and are expected to be finally adopted by the European Parliament in September 2011, to be followed by a two-year period of transition to allow the countries concerned to meet the criteria imposed by the EU for PAH in cocoa and cocoa products.

The Council will receive a presentation from a representative from CAOBISCO on the current situation and likely impact of the proposed limits, particularly for Latin American countries, to assist Members in deciding on the next steps.

14. THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD COCOA ECONOMY: BOOM OR BUST?

The Executive Director *a.i.* will submit a presentation on the medium and long-term prospects for the world cocoa economy with an emphasis on cocoa production, grinding and prices, in particular in the context of the emerging markets combined with increased demand for single-origin and dark chocolate in the traditional markets. He will review the possible impact on prices of the proliferation of initiatives in the cocoa sector.

The Council will consider ways in which to address the issues raised in the presentation.

15. REPORT ON THE WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE 2010/2011 COCOA YEAR

Article 21, paragraph 2 of the International Cocoa Agreement, 2001 stipulates that, during its last meeting of each cocoa year, the Executive Committee shall evaluate the implementation of the work programme for the current year and report its findings to the Council.

Accordingly, the Chairman of the Executive Committee will report to the Council on the evaluation of the implementation of the Work Programme for 2010/2011 with reference to document EX/144/10.

16. WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE 2011/2012 COCOA YEAR

In accordance with Article 21, paragraph 1 of the Agreement, the Council shall, at its last session of each cocoa year, and on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, adopt a work programme for the Organization for the coming year prepared by the Executive Director. The work programme shall include projects, initiatives and activities to be undertaken by the Organization in the following cocoa year.

The draft Work Programme for the 2011/2012 cocoa year is contained in document EX/144/11.

17. REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Credentials Committee will present the Committee's report to the Council. (This report will be circulated as document ICC/84/2 after its approval by the Council).

18. REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSULTATIVE BOARD ON THE WORLD COCOA ECONOMY

The Chairman of the Board will report on the results and recommendations of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Consultative Board on the World Cocoa Economy.

19. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND FIRST AND SECOND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2011/2012

The Council shall elect its Officers for the 2011/2012 cocoa year.

20. ELECTION OF MEMBERS, CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2011/2012

The Council shall elect the Members, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee for the 2011/2012 cocoa year.

21. APPOINTMENT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FOR 2011/2012

The Council shall appoint the Members of the Credentials Committee for the 2011/2012 cocoa year.

22. ARREARS OF CONTRIBUTIONS OWED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COCOA AGREEMENT, 1993

The Council will review and decide on the matter of the arrears of contributions owed by the Government of Sierra Leone to the International Cocoa Agreement, 1993.

23. HOSTING OF THE 85TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COCOA COUNCIL AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES IN MARCH 2012

The Council will consider relevant information regarding the hosting of the meetings of the International Cocoa Council and subsidiary bodies in March 2012.

24. PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

The Executive Director *a.i.* will present conference room paper ICC/84/CRP.1.

25. OTHER BUSINESS

Matters not on the agenda may be raised for consideration.

26. RECORD OF DECISIONS

The record of decisions may be read out in accordance with Rule 35 of the Organization's Administrative Rules.