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To: All Members, non-Members and Observers
From: The Executive Director
Subject: **Meeting of the Ad Hoc Panel on Fine or Flavour Cocoa:
12-13 April 2019, Heden Golf Hotel, Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire**

The Executive Director presents his compliments and has the honour to inform Members, non-Members and Observers that the meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Panel on Fine or Flavour Cocoa, is scheduled for 12-13 April 2019 at 9 a.m. at the Heden Golf Hotel, Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the Annex C of the International Cocoa Agreement (ICA), 2010 in accordance with its Article 39.

There is a new *modus operandi* to assess countries’ production and export of fine or flavour cocoa before they are listed in the revised Annex C of the ICA, 2010. This involves:

- Completion and submission of a technical information dossier
- Compulsory attendance at the meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Panel on Fine or Flavour Cocoa to present the information in the technical dossier and to reply to eventual questions from the Panel of experts

The technical information dossier format was revised following the Pre-Meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Panel on Fine or Flavour Cocoa held in Guayaquil, Ecuador on 28-30 November 2018.

All cocoa-producing countries wishing to be assessed for production and export of fine or flavour cocoa and to be listed in Annex C of the ICA, 2010 are hereby requested to complete the attached technical information dossier and submit it to Ms. Charlotte Martin, Senior Project Officer, email: Charlotte.Martin@icco.org by **Friday, 15 March 2019**.

The Executive Director wishes to recall that, as agreed in Berlin, interested countries should submit their dossiers in **English only**.

Please note that it is compulsory for each country to be represented at the meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Panel to present their technical dossier.

18 January 2019

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'C. Martin', is written below the date.