

## MALABO DECLARATION

The 25 African Coffee Producing Countries, Members of the InterAfrican Coffee Organisation (IACO) Malabo in Equatorial Guinea in the « Sala de la Paz » on 29 October 2002, concurrently with the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Assembly of the Organisation under the Chairmanship of **HE Mr Pierre-Claver MAGANGA MOUSSAVOU**, Minister of State of the Republic of Gabon in the framework of the Ministerial Conference on the Impact of the Current Coffee Crisis on the African Economies.

The Conference was opened by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

The Conference registered the presence of the following countries: **Angola, Benin, Burundi, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda.**

The following organisations took part as observers: **AFREXIMBANK, ARCC Côte d'Ivoire, BCC Côte d'Ivoire, CERACCI Côte d'Ivoire, ECOCERT, FGCC Côte d'Ivoire, ICO, KFE-KKO.**

After the analysis of the basic document on the Impact of the Current Coffee Crisis on the African Economies, the Conference decided to adopt the following Declaration in relation with the recommendations linked to the resolution of this crisis:

- to undertake concrete horizontal and vertical diversification actions in order to increase the producers' revenue:
  - concerning the vertical processing, the Conference recommends the use of the techniques accessible to rural populations;
  - as for horizontal diversification to encourage the replacement of non efficient coffee plantations with other agricultural commodities taking into account the increasing international competitiveness;
- to promote the Coffee domestic consumption at national, regional and continental level by emphasizing on the Coffee exchange between Member States in order to encourage the knowledge of the product by consumers:
  - for this achievement, the Conference suggests promotion actions in schools,

- the information on the effects of Coffee on human health would help to the better knowledge of the product;
  - the Conference recommends the strengthening of the African Coffee quality, consumption encouragement factor and in this regard, the Conference requires the support of the IACO to the Coffee improvement programme initiated by the ICO (Resolution 407);
  - furthermore, the Conference invites the regional financing organisations to support the IACO projects in the framework of poverty alleviation in rural areas
- The Conference recommends the IACO to reinforce its co-operation with ICO. In this respect, Member States are requested to renew their support to the ICO Resolution 413 inviting the United States to join again the International Coffee Organisation.  
In this respect, the Conference requests the IACO Secretariat to actively participate in diplomatic actions of the ICO Executive Director.

The Conference is pleased with the efforts undertaken by the Government of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire despite the crisis encountered by this country, to elaborate a document related to the pilot project on domestic Coffee consumption.

The Conference recommends the establishment of a Technical Committee to follow up the recommendations contained in this Declaration.

Finally, the Conference thanks the Authorities of the Equatorial Guinea for the organisation of this important meeting.

Malabo, 29 October 2002