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RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS OF SIERRA LEONE

WHEREAS:

Paragraph (2) of Article 21 of the International Coffee Agreement 2007 provides that, If any Member fails to pay its full contribution to the Administrative Budget within six months of the date on which the contribution is due, its voting rights and its right to participate in meetings of specialized committees shall be suspended until its contribution has been paid in full. However, unless the Council so decides, such Member shall not be deprived of any of its other rights nor relieved of any of its obligations under this Agreement;

As at 23 February 2015 Sierra Leone had outstanding contributions amounting to £12,824 for 2014/15 and previous years;

Sierra Leone has continued to reduce its outstanding contributions and has submitted a proposal for rescheduling payment of its arrears as shown in document [FA-101/15](#) (attached); and

In recognition of the commitment by Sierra Leone to pay the arrears in accordance with the instalment scheme shown in document [FA-101/15](#), it is deemed appropriate to restore its voting rights,

THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE COUNCIL

RESOLVES:

1. To permit Sierra Leone to pay its outstanding contributions to the Administrative Budget for 2014/15 and previous years in 2 instalments of £6,412, payable in March 2016 and March 2017.
2. To restore with immediate effect the voting rights of Sierra Leone for as long as the above payment plan is maintained and future contributions are paid in accordance with the provisions of Article 21 of the 2007 Agreement.
3. That this Resolution shall not constitute a precedent in respect of the waiver of obligations relating to contributions under the provisions of Article 21 of the 2007 Agreement.
4. To request the Executive Director to inform the Finance and Administration Committee of Sierra Leone's compliance with its obligations under paragraph 1 of this Resolution.



Finance and Administration Committee
16th Meeting
2 March 2015
London, United Kingdom

Sierra Leone

**Payment of arrears in contributions
to the Administrative Budget**

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Background

1. As indicated in the document concerning the situation of outstanding contributions affecting voting rights (document ICC-114-1), Sierra Leone has outstanding contributions of £3,998 as at 23 February 2015 for coffee year 2013/14. The contribution for the current year, 2014/15, amounts to £8,826, making a total amount due of £12,824.
2. Sierra Leone has informed the Executive Director that problems in paying the required contributions have arisen because of financial constraints in the last few years. However, Sierra Leone has also made significant efforts to reduce its arrears, having paid £23,975 to date in 2014/15. This has reduced the amount of arrears outstanding from £27,973 at 30 September 2014 to £3,998 at the current date.
3. The Produce Monitoring Board of Sierra Leone has submitted a request dated 16 February 2015 to pay the arrears in two annual instalments. A copy of this request is attached hereto. The first payment of £6,412 would be remitted in March 2016 and the final payment of £6,412 would be remitted in March 2017, while the contributions for 2015/16 and 2016/17 would be kept current.

Action

The Committee is requested to consider whether Sierra Leone's proposal is acceptable as a means of settling its arrears, and to make a recommendation to the Council in connection with the votes of Sierra Leone in view of efforts being made to repay its outstanding contributions.



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16th February, 2015

Our Ref: PMB/ICO/ACC/003

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Dear Sir,

PROPOSAL FOR THE PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING ARREARS

We wish to express our appreciation for your cooperation in the settlement of Sierra Leone's arrears to the ICO.

Referring your letter dated 10th February 2015, the proposal we wish to submit is as below:

March 2016 - £ 6,412

March 2017 - £ 6,412

As you rightly noted, the contribution for 2015/2016 of £ 8,826 will be paid in September 2015, whilst the first installment of the arrears of £ 6,412 will be paid in March 2016.

The same applies for 2016/2017 contribution which has not yet been calculated, but we expect that when once that amount is determined, it will be paid in September 2016, whilst the remaining arrears £ 6,412 will be paid in March 2017.

We however, promise that as the financial situation of the PMB improves, these amounts will be paid before the proposed due dates motioned.

Counting on your usual cooperation, please.

Yours faithfully,

Isatu Haja Kabba

Ag Executive Director