



**Report of the Statistics Committee on
the meeting held on 29 September 2015**

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1. The Statistics Committee chaired by Ms Marcela Urueña of Colombia, met in Milan, Italy on 29 September 2015.

Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda

2. The Committee adopted the draft Agenda contained in document [SC-55/15 Rev. 1](#).

Item 2: Report on the meeting of 4 March 2015

3. The Committee approved the report of the eighth meeting held in March 2015, contained in document [SC-54/15](#).

Item 3: Compliance with Statistical Rules

4. The Senior Statistical Assistant introduced document [SC-56/15](#) containing information on the status of compliance with Statistical Rules. This document had an additional table (Annex 10A) which included data received in compliance with Statistical Rules outside the dates stipulated in the Rules. This alternative analysis showed that out of 40 exporting Members in the current membership of the ICO, 10 had generally complied fully, while another 10 had good compliance and a further 3 had partial compliance. Thirteen exporting Members had entirely failed to comply with their statistical obligations. In addition, another 4 exporting Members showed a poor compliance performance.

5. Since the last Statistics Committee meeting, the Secretariat had written to those exporting Members who had been either non-compliant or who had poor compliance. As a result it was pleasing to report that usable statistical data had since been received from Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Ghana, Indonesia and Paraguay, and that one of these countries could now be classified as fully compliant.

6. Regarding the compliance of importing Members, Annex 11 showed full compliance by 33 importing Members representing 95.9% of average annual imports by all importing Members in the four calendar years 2011 to 2014. Tunisia was still to comply with the Statistical Rules of the Organization. However, annual data on their coffee trade had been provided up to calendar year 2014.

7. The delegate from Indonesia reported on its efforts to improve compliance, explaining that while there were still some aspects to be addressed, particularly regarding discrepancies between official data and Certificates of Origin, the Government of Indonesia realised the importance of accurate data and would continue to make efforts to improve its statistical systems. This effort was acknowledged and congratulated by the Committee.

Item 4: Statistics Roundtable

8. The interim Head of Operations stated that there was little to report on this item, as the Statistics Roundtable had not met since the last Committee meeting in March 2015. However, it was intended that the Statistics Roundtable would be reconvened in the new year once the new Head of Operations was in position.

9. In discussions on this item, the Secretariat was asked if there had been any progress addressing the discrepancies in production figures identified by the Statistics Roundtable at the previous Statistics Committee meeting in March. The Secretariat reported that the situation was very much as it had been previously. It was emphasised by Members that the accuracy of ICO statistics was important, otherwise one of the functions of the ICO was not being fulfilled.

10. It was agreed that this item would be kept on the Agenda for the next meeting in order to follow up and monitor its progress.

Item 5: Conversion factors for roasted, decaffeinated, liquid and soluble coffee

11. At the March 2015 meeting of the Statistics Committee, Members had requested the Secretariat to contact soluble manufacturers regarding conversion factors. The Secretariat had therefore sent a letter to Members of the PSCB on this matter. To date, only two responses had been received. It was therefore agreed that the Secretariat would make further consultations before recommending any further action.

Item 6: Implementation of the Coffee Quality-Improvement Programme (CQP)

12. The Senior Statistical Assistant introduced documents [SC-57/15](#) and [SC-58/15](#) which contained updates on gradings for Arabica and Robusta coffee, and the implementation of the CQP, respectively. For the period January to June 2015, 12 Members provided information regularly on the CQP, while 2 Members provided partial data. The total volume of green coffee exported in the first six months of 2015 by the exporting countries providing information on quality amounted to 31.4 million bags. The volume of green coffee exported in full compliance with Resolution 420 ("S") stood at 61.5% of the total volume exported throughout the period January 2005 to June 2015.

Item 7: Other business

13. The interim Head of Operations requested Members to send any items for inclusion in the Agenda in good time for the meetings in Ethiopia.

14. The Chairperson introduced document [SC-59/15](#) which contained data concepts and variables referred to in the Organization's statistics. The Committee took note of this document.

15. Members were reminded that the composition of the Statistics Committee for 2015/16 would be approved by the Council during its 115th Session. At its first meeting in March 2016, the Committee would appoint a Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Item 8: Date of next meeting

16. The Committee noted that the next meeting of the Statistics Committee would take place during the 116th Session of the Council to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 9 to 11 March 2016.