



**Report of the meeting of the  
Working Group on the Strategic Review  
of the ICO held on 18 February 2016**

1. The Working Group on the Strategic Review of the ICO held its fourth meeting on 18 February 2016 at the International Coffee Organization. The following Members were represented either in person or on the telephone: Brazil, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, El Salvador, Honduras, Japan, Nicaragua, Russian Federation, Switzerland and the United States.

2. The meeting was chaired by Mr Aly Touré of Côte d'Ivoire.

**Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda**

3. The draft agenda contained in document WG-8/16 was adopted.

**Item 2: Report of the meeting of the Working Group on the Strategic Review  
of the ICO held on 14 January 2016**

4. The Working Group approved the report on the meeting of 14 January 2016 contained in document WG-7/16.

**Item 3: Replies to the Questionnaire on the Strategic Review of the ICO**

5. The Working Group considered the Replies to the Questionnaire on the Strategic Review of the ICO contained in document WG-4/15 Rev. 2. No further comments were made.

**Item 4: Draft Terms of Reference of the Strategic Review of the ICO**

6. The Chair expressed his thanks on behalf of the Members of the Group to Mr Mick Wheeler of Papua New Guinea for drafting the 'Terms of Reference'.

7. Members said that the 'Terms of Reference' summarised well the views of the Group regarding the scope of the Strategic Review. It was reiterated that the Strategic Review should not imply a renegotiation of the International Coffee Agreement. The exercise would enable the Organization to deliver on its objectives while effectively responding to new challenges in the coffee sector.

8. A number of Members suggested that the task of conducting the Strategic Review should be carried out by the Secretariat, which could call upon the assistance of a consultant during the process, if necessary. It was also restated that the Strategic Review would be carried out in close consultation with the Members of the Working Group as well as other Members who may invite experts to inform the discussion during meetings of the Working Group.

9. In response, the Executive Director said that the Secretariat was ready to carry out the Strategic Review as outlined in the 'Terms of Reference'.

10. After further discussion it was agreed that the Strategic Review should commence without delay, with first tangible results, i.e. a draft document, to be ready by the 117<sup>th</sup> Council Session in September 2016. A final document would be considered at the 118<sup>th</sup> Council Session in March 2017.

11. The Secretariat was asked to prepare a document consisting of (i) a report on the meetings of the Working Group, (ii) the final Terms of Reference, and (iii) a timetable detailing the process of the Strategic Review, to be presented at the 116<sup>th</sup> Council Session in March 2016. It was agreed that the Chairman would report on the work and findings of the Group to the Council at the same meeting.

**Item 5: Other business**

12. There was no other business.

**Item 6: Date of the next meeting**

13. It was decided that the next meeting of the Group would be held during the week of the 116<sup>th</sup> Council Session from 9 to 11 March 2016 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.