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**Communication from the Government
of Switzerland**

The International Coffee Organization presents its compliments to Members and at the request of the Government of Switzerland attaches a communication received from European Coffee Federation.



European Coffee Federation

To whom it may concern

Brussels, 10 March 2017
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Re : Candidature Mr. Remigi Winzap for the post of Executive Director of the International Coffee Organization

The European Coffee Federation (ECF), the umbrella organisation representing the European green coffee trade, coffee roasting industry, soluble coffee manufacturers and decaffeinator, would like to express its support for the candidature of Mr. Remigi Winzap (Switzerland) for the post of Executive Director of the International Coffee Organization.

We believe that Mr. Winzap's experience in multilateral organisations and his active involvement in commodity organisations in general and the ICO specifically make him eminently suitable for this position.

His extensive network in relevant international organisations like WTO, UNCTAD and ITC will be very helpful to position the International Coffee Organization and the global coffee sector effectively in the wider environment of international trade and development issues.

He will bring to the table the diplomatic skills and the understanding of the coffee value chain that are necessary to maintain and even further the position of the ICO as the focal point of coffee, where exporting and importing members, the private sector and other stakeholders meet in the interest of one of the most valuable and enjoyed commodities in the world.

ECF would warmly welcome Mr. Winzap at the helm of the ICO and will happily continue its participation in and support of the organisation.

Yours sincerely,

Tijmen A. de Vries
Secretary General