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Postponement of the 5th World Coffee Conference

1. The Executive Director presents his compliments and wishes to inform Members, observers and members of the Private Sector Consultative Board that, after consultation and lengthy consideration between the International Coffee Organization (ICO) and the Host Government of India, due to the unprecedented situation caused by covid-19, it has been decided to postpone the holding of the World Coffee Conference (WCC), the Council Session and associated meetings which were going to take place in Bengaluru, India, in September 2020 (see attached letter from the Government of India).

2. Mutually agreed upon dates for hosting the WCC and Council will be discussed with the Government of India as and when the coffee sector returns to normalcy.

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D.O. No. K-39017/2/2019-Plant B

Dated: 23rd April, 2020

Dear Mr. Jose' Sette,

Please refer to this Department's D.O. letter No. 07/1/2018-Plant B dated 21.4.2020 and your subsequent email dated 21.4.2020 on the subject cited above. In this regard this is to convey that in the wake of prevailing global COVID 19 pandemic and severe restrictions on travel and hospitality, as suggested by the Coffee Board/ India Coffee Trust (ICT), Government of India has agreed that the 5th WCC 2020 and the concurrent ICO/127th Session of the ICC and other ICO bodies, scheduled during September 2020, may be postponed *sine die*.

2. Mutually agreed dates for hosting the 5^{th} WCC and the concurrent 127^{th} Session of the ICC/ other ICO bodies may be discussed as and when the coffee sector returns to normalcy.

With regards,

Yours sincerely. hala Al Almed

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