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**Communication from the
Government of India**

1. In advance of the 134th Session of the International Coffee Council and associated meetings, the Executive Director attaches, for the consideration of ICO Members, a letter from the Government of India proposing to reschedule the World Coffee Conference 2023.

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Dear Ms. Vanusia,

As you are aware 5th World Coffee Conference (WCC) is scheduled during the month of September -2023. In the meanwhile, India is scheduled to assume 18th Presidency of G20 countries from 1st December 2022 to 30th November 2023. It will be a yearlong Presidency which includes holding several meeting across the country.

In view of this, we are proposing to reschedule the 5th World Coffee Conference & concurrent meetings of the Council to 10-15 July 2023.

In this regard, I have enclosed a written statement. Request to kindly circulate the same among all members of the organisation, so as to facilitate members to have prior discussion with their respective governments and come with clear views on the subject to the upcoming 134th session of the Council.

Further an agenda in this regard is already scheduled on 7th October for discussion during the forthcoming 134th Session of the ICC. If agreed, we along with our private partner 'India Coffee Trust' would like to make a detailed presentation on the overview and the preparations made so far on the WCC to the Council.

Best Regards,

Dr. K.G. Jagadeesha

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Draft agenda on World Coffee Conference

Honourable Chair & Vice Chair of the Council and all the Distinguished Members of the Organisation

The ICO during its 119th International Coffee Council meeting has awarded the responsibility of hosting 5th World Coffee Conference along with concurrent sessions of the International Coffee Council to India. The event was originally proposed to be held from 7th to 12th of September 2020 at Bengaluru, India. However due to outbreak of Covid-19 Pandemic world over, it has been postponed indefinitely.

During the 132nd council meetings *“We reiterated our commitment to host World Coffee Conference. We requested for scheduling the event during First or Second week of September 2023 the same was agreed unanimously by the Council”*.

We would like to bring it to the notice of the Council an important recent development. India is scheduled to assume 18th Presidency of G20 countries from 1st December 2022 to 30th November 2023. It will be a yearlong Presidency which includes holding several meeting across the country. These meetings includes meetings with Heads of the State, Ministerial, Sherpa, Working group and Engagement group meetings. Approximately 60,000 foreign delegates are expected to attend the event.

As all of us know G20 is composed of 19 countries in addition to EU. These countries represent 80% of World GDP, 75% of International trade and 60% of Worlds population. In addition to regular G20 member countries, the event is expected to be

attended by several invited countries and many International Organisations. Many of the G20 countries are members of ICO and most are either coffee importing or exporting countries.

The meetings involving Heads of the Governments, Ministerial meetings and the 18th G20 Summit is scheduled between August to November of 2023. Hence the Ministry of Commerce and Industries, Government of India is of the view that it will not be feasible to hold the WCC & the associate Council meetings during September 2023 as scheduled earlier. Instead if the council agrees to prepone the event to July, it will not only help in organising the event better but also attract larger international community giving the event greater visibility and impact.

In view of the above reasons, we propose to reschedule the 5th World Coffee Conference & concurrent meetings of the Council to 10-15 July 2023.

The matter is placed for consideration of the Council.

Best Regards,

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