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Request for information by 10 January 2011:

- **National quality standards**
- **Costs of production 2000/01 – 2009/10**
- **Employment generated by the coffee sector**
- **MRLs for pesticides – reminder**

1. The Executive Director presents his compliments and wishes to request Members to provide information on the following issue:

- **National quality standards:** Members are requested to send the latest information about their national coffee quality standards including grading and classification systems, together with copies of relevant documents as appropriate, with a view to considering an update on quality standards at a future Council Session.

2. Members who have not yet responded to ED-2087/10 are requested to send the following information:

- **Costs of production 2000/01 – 2009/10:** Exporting Members are requested to send estimates for the costs of production in their countries in each coffee year from 2000/01 to 2009/10, taking into account relevant factors including labour, fertilizers, post-harvest processing etc. It would also be appreciated if Members could send details of the methodology and variables used to calculate these costs.
- **Employment generated by the coffee sector:** All Members are requested to send data on employment generated by the coffee sector in their countries which should cover all relevant stages of the coffee value chain including cultivation, processing, marketing, logistics, trade and industrialization. If available, data on distribution of employment by gender would also be appreciated.

- **Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for pesticides:** Members are also requested to provide the following information on the Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for pesticides.
 - details of MRLs for pesticides used in the coffee production process; and
 - details of the methodology used for calculating MRLs for pesticides, together with copies of studies and other relevant data, to enable other Members to review their tolerances for pesticides.

3. It would be appreciated if this information could be received **no later than 10 January 2011** so that reports can be prepared for consideration by the Council at its 106th Session from 28 to 31 March 2011.