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## Preparations for Depositary

1. The Executive Director presents his compliments and, further to document ED-2025/07 recommending that the ICO be designated as the Depositary for the International Coffee Agreement (ICA) 2007, wishes to inform Members about the status of the ICA 2007 and to request contact details for communications on the Agreement.

### Status of ICA 2007

2. In October 2007, the Executive Director circulated document ED-2024/07, reporting on the review of the ICA 2007 by the Verification Committee, and inviting Members wishing to seek clarification or make a comment on minor editorial adjustments by the Committee by 30 October 2007. Two further minor editorial changes were subsequently incorporated: in the case of the French version, in paragraph 3 of Article 9, “conforme” has been replaced by “conformes”, and in the Spanish version, “acusada” has been replaced by “acentuada” in paragraph 7 of the Preamble.

3. The final text of the ICA 2007 is available in all ICO official languages (ICC-98-6) and can be downloaded from the documents section of the ICO website (<http://dev.ico.org/documents/icc98-6e.pdf>).

### Designation of depositary

4. On 25 January 2008, the Council will review the matter related to the depositary and a proposal to designate the ICO as the Depositary of the ICA 2007 (a draft Resolution will be circulated before the session). The Executive Director has conducted consultations with Members and has received a number of positive written communications and verbal expressions from Members. All responses to date have supported the proposal that the ICO should become the Depositary of the Agreement.

5. If the Council appoints the ICO as the Depositary for the ICA 2007, the Agreement will then open for signature at the ICO headquarters in London from 1 February 2008 to 31 August 2008, with the deposit of instruments to take place between 1 February and 30 September 2008. Information about procedures for membership of the ICA 2007 will be circulated separately.

6. The ICO will need to be ready to take immediate action to fulfil its obligations if it is appointed as Depositary on 25 January 2008. These will include transmitting two certified true copies of the ICA 2007 to each country eligible to become a Member, preparing the original text of the Agreement for signature, and circulating depositary notifications to communicate actions relating to the Agreement, such as the opening of the new Agreement for signature. In the case of previous International Coffee Agreements, it has been standard practice for such documents to be sent by the United Nations to the Treaty Services of Ministries of Foreign Affairs. This is the practice that the ICO will adopt if appointed as Depositary.

#### **Request for contacts for communications relating to the ICA 2007**

7. To assist the ICO in ensuring that certified true copies and depositary notifications reach the appropriate authorities without delay, Members are requested to inform the Executive Director of the contact point for receipt of communications relating to the ICA 2007, such as the treaty sections or legal offices of their Ministries of Foreign Affairs. In the case of the European Community, this information will be provided by the representative of the EC. The contact details should include:

Full name of contact person

Title or official position

Organization/Ministry

Full postal address

Telephone

Fax

Email address (specific)

Email address (general)

8. In the case of the email address, it is suggested that a general email address also be provided, where possible, to avoid difficulties with communication if there are changes in personnel. This information should be sent to the Executive Director by fax (+44 (0) 20 7612 0630) or email (depositary@ico.org) no later than **4 January 2008**.

9. Members may also like to note that copies of depositary notifications will be circulated to all Members in addition to the contact points referred to above.