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**Communication from the
Delegation of Kenya**

The attached document contains a communication from the Delegation of Kenya.

KENYAN POSITION - FUTURE MEETINGS

BACKGROUND

In May 2008 the Kenya delegation made a bid to the Council to host the International Coffee Council in May 2009 in Nairobi. The Kenyan Government followed up the bid by a formal letter to the Executive Director in June 2008.

The Executive Director in his response informed the Kenya Government that the matter would be tabled before the Council in September 2008, for a decision. In the meantime the Executive Director gave a tentative budgetary implication related to relocating the ICO Secretariat for the duration of the meeting in Nairobi.

The Kenyan Government upon assessment of the tentative budget initiated preliminary preparations for hosting the Council while awaiting the decision by the Council.

Why Kenya?

Kenya was among the first member countries to accede to the ICA 2007 on 22nd May, 2007. In recognition of the International Coffee Agreement 2007 coming into force in October 2008, Kenya was therefore positioning herself to host the inaugural Council Session under the Agreement. The launching of the ICA 2007 in a producer country would have been an inspiration to coffee producers in the region.

Conclusion

In recognition of the Council's decision to hold the 3rd World Coffee Conference in Guatemala in February 2010, the Kenya delegation feels that this would put too much pressure in terms of logistics on the members of the Council and Secretariat over two consecutive years.

After wide consultations the delegation has therefore agreed to rescind the bid for hosting the Council as earlier proposed. In light of the foregoing the Kenya Government wishes to make a formal bid to host the 4th World Coffee Conference in Nairobi.