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**Statement by the Delegate of Ecuador
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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation wishes to take the floor on an extremely important subject. Ecuador participates in this International Organization and expects to continue to do so, in the full conviction that the international system is based on relations among States. To that effect, in keeping with its historical tradition of defending, promoting and strengthening the standards and principles of International Law, Ecuador gives priority in its international policy to the development of democratic mechanisms in multilateral bodies.

For these reasons, Ecuador wishes it to be placed on record that my country considers that in the case of the International Coffee Organization, we are dealing with an intergovernmental organization based on the standards and principles of International Law and that, as a consequence, it is incumbent on this Organization to safeguard standards relating to legal equality among States, non-discrimination among States and the inalienable principle of One Country One Vote.

My delegation therefore expressly rejects any view, declaration or intent designed to establish, in the ICO, mechanisms, policies or procedures opposed to the international juridical order. Furthermore, the Delegation of Ecuador wishes to request that this statement be included in the relevant report on this Council Session.