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**Report of the Statistics Committee  
on the meeting of 7 March 2012**

1. The Statistics Committee held its 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting under the International Coffee Agreement 2007 on 7 March 2012.

**Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda**

2. The Committee adopted the Agenda contained in document SC-9/11 Rev. 1.

**Item 2: Election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

3. The Committee elected Mr Patrice Moussy of the European Union as Chairman and Mr José Cassule Mahinga of Angola as Vice-Chairman for coffee year 2011/12.

**Item 3: Report on the meeting of 29 September 2011**

4. The Committee approved the report on the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting held in September 2011, which is contained in document SC-8/11.

**Item 4: Compliance with statistical rules**

5. The Statistician introduced document SC-10/12 containing information on the status of compliance by Members with the Rules on Statistics. Good compliance has been observed from both exporting and importing Members, representing 68.9% and 99.7%, respectively, of the volume of average exports/imports in coffee years 2007/08 to 2010/11.

6. Members have requested that, in order to enhance market transparency, the Organization should consult statistical experts to comment on official estimates that

may present large discrepancies from those provided by other sources. The importance of consulting a balance of opinions on both sides of the market (consumers and producers) was emphasized. When specific issues are to be discussed by the Committee, experts could be invited to attend these discussions. It was requested that the Organization should take caution when publishing official estimates that differ significantly from other sources.

7. The Committee took note of the report.

**Item 5: Exports to exporting countries**

8. The Statistician introduced document SC-11/12. The new Rules on Statistics – Statistical Reports (document ICC-102-10) are now in effect and exporting Members are now under the obligation to provide statistical data on their imports of coffee by origin (volume and value). The Committee took note of this document.

**Item 6: Exports of organic and differentiated coffees**

9. The Statistician introduced document SC-12/11 containing data on exports of organic coffee by exporting countries based on Certificates of Origin and on Statistical Reports. Information obtained on exports of organic coffee may not always be indicated by exporting Members and data on exports of certified coffee is voluntary. The Committee took note of this document and encouraged Members to improve reporting of exports of organic and differentiated coffees.

**Item 7: Monitoring the inventories and stocks of green coffee**

10. The Statistician introduced document SC-13/12 showing the historical data on the levels of inventories of green coffee extracted from the European Coffee Federation (ECF) website since 2005.

11. As approved by the Council, following the recommendation by the Committee in May 2007, data posted on the ECF website are included in the ICO series. Discussions were held with the ECF to assess whether it is possible to include data on inventories held in the port of Rotterdam in its series.

12. The Secretariat was requested to add information of inventories held in other importing countries in future documents that are prepared for the Committee.

**Item 8: Data on trade of decaffeinated soluble coffee**

13. The Statistician introduced document SC-14/12. As the USA is the only importing Member using HS codes with 10-12 digits to identify its coffee products, it is not possible to capture data on this product from other countries yet.

14. Members may wish to take steps to explore the possibility of having their customs authorities expand the number of digits in the HS codes in the future in order to enable this data to be captured. However, the volume of this market segment is still not significant.

**Item 9: Technical assistance**

15. Members were informed that a workshop on compliance with statistical data took place in Nairobi in November 2011 in accordance with the Programme of Activities approved by the Members for 2011/12. The Committee was informed of the good cooperation received from the InterAfrican Coffee Organisation (IACO) with regard to the arrangements made for the workshop, which was attended by representatives from eight African countries, to take place. The Committee was informed that compliance usually improves soon after workshops are held. However, staff turnover and other internal issues in each country combined contribute to a reduction in compliance as time goes by. A suggestion was made that a DVD/video could be produced as it would be a permanent 'manual on compliance' for exporting Members.

16. In addition, it was suggested that the Organization could look into a standard system or methodology to be applied by all countries in the collection of data on costs of production, domestic consumption, area planted to coffee and number of trees in production so that valuable reports and studies can be prepared to assist exporting Members and enhance market transparency. The Chairman invited Members to cooperate in providing statistical data on their coffee trade in accordance with the new Rules on Statistics.

**Item 10: Liaison with other organizations**

17. The Statistician informed the Committee that the Organization will continue to maintain close cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the International Trade Centre (ITC) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). The importance of the cooperation received from independent experts on the statistical work of the Organization was also recognized.

**Item 11: Other business**

18. There was no other business discussed.

**Item 12: Future meetings**

19. The Committee was informed that its next meeting will take place in London at the time of the 109<sup>th</sup> Council Session from 24 to 28 September 2012.