International Coffee Council
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22 – 26 September 2008
London, England

Membership of the
Private Sector Consultative Board
for coffee years 2007/08 and 2008/09

Background

1. At its 98th Session in September 2007, the International Coffee Council appointed members of the Private Sector Consultative Board (PSCB) for coffee years 2007/08 and 2008/09 (see document WP-Council 159/07).

2. The former constituent members of the European Coffee Federation (ECF) (CECA – green coffee trade, EUCA – roasted coffee sector and AFCASOLE – soluble coffee manufacturing) merged into the ECF from 1 January 2007. As a result, the ECF has advised that its representation can be reduced to one seat instead of three seats on the PSCB, with effect from 1 October 2008. Two additional coffee associations or bodies from importing countries will consequently need to be designated by the Council in September 2008. Paragraph 3 (b) of Article 22 of the Agreement provides that eight associations or bodies shall be designated from importing countries, whether Members or non-members, preferably representing both importers and roasters, together with one or more alternates for each representative.

3. Importing Members are invited to consult the private coffee sector in their countries, as appropriate, and nominate two representatives from coffee associations or bodies from importing countries, whether Members or non-members, together with alternates for each representative.

4. At the PSCB meeting in May 2008, it was suggested that representation on the PSCB could encourage membership by non-member countries such as Canada, the Russian Federation, or countries in the Middle East. The possibility of a seat for the Associação Brasileira da Indústria de Café (ABIC) was also discussed. ABIC is currently an alternate member in the category of exporting Members on the PSCB, and under the provisions of Article 22, the two vacant seats should be filled by associations from the category of importing Members. One possibility might be to include provision to co-opt members with a particular interest in the work of the PSCB, for a period of time. The revised draft terms of reference for the PSCB contain draft wording which would allow the PSCB to co-opt members for specific purposes if necessary (see paragraph 7 of document PSCB-107/08 Rev. 1). The draft terms of reference will be considered by the Council in September 2008.

5. Annex I contains the current membership of the PSCB with amendments indicated by a footnote, and Annex II contains the text of Article 22 of the 2001 Agreement.

Action

Importing Members are invited to inform the Executive Director of their nominations in writing by 17 September 2008, to enable the Council to designate two representatives from importing countries with alternates, as appropriate, at its 101st Session to be held in London from 22 to 26 September 2008.
ANNEX I

MEMBERSHIP OF THE
PRIVATE SECTOR CONSULTATIVE BOARD
FOR COFFEE YEARS 2007/08 AND 2008/09

EXPORTING MEMBERS

COLOMBIAN MILDS

Asociación de Exportadores de Café de Colombia (ASOEXPORT) Representative
Sociedad Exportadora de Café de las Cooperativas de Caficultores (EXPOCAFE) Alternate
Federación Nacional de Cafeteros de Colombia Alternate

Eastern African Fine Coffees Association (EAFCA) Representative

OTHER MILDS

Asociación Mexicana de la Cadena Productiva del Café (AMECAFE) Representative
Instituto Hondureño del Café (IHCAFE) Alternate

Asociación Nacional del Café (ANACAFÉ) Representative
Coffee Exporters Association of India Alternate

BRAZILIAN AND OTHER NATURAL ARABICAS

Conselho dos Exportadores de Café do Brasil (CeCafé) Representative
Associação Brasileira da Indústria de Café Solúvel (ABICS) Alternate
Associação Brasileira da Indústria de Café (ABIC) Alternate

Conselho Nacional do Café (CNC) Representative
Confederação da Agricultura e Pecuária do Brasil (CNA) Alternate

ROBUSTAS

Association of Indonesian Coffee Exporters (AEKI) Representative
Uganda Coffee Trade Federation (UCTF) Alternate

Bourse du Café et du Cacao (BCC) Representative
IMPORTING MEMBERS

All Japan Coffee Association  Representative

European Coffee Federation (ECF)  Representative
   European Coffee Federation (ECF)  Alternate

European Coffee Federation (ECF)  Representative ¹
   European Coffee Federation (ECF)  Alternate

European Coffee Federation (ECF)  Representative ¹
   European Coffee Federation (ECF)  Alternate

Institute for Scientific Information on Coffee (ISIC)  Representative
   Institute for Scientific Information on Coffee (ISIC)  Alternate

National Coffee Association of USA (NCA)  Representative
   Coffee Association of Canada  Alternate

Specialty Coffee Association of America (SCAA)  Representative

Speciality Coffee Association of Europe (SCAE)  Representative
   European Decaffeinators Association (EDA)  Alternate

¹ The ECF representation will be reduced to one instead of three seats, with effect from 1 October 2008.
ARTICLE 22

The Private Sector Consultative Board

(1) The Private Sector Consultative Board (hereinafter referred to as the PSCB) shall be a consultative body which may make recommendations on any consultations made by the Council and may invite the Council to give consideration to matters related to this Agreement.

(2) The PSCB shall consist of eight representatives of the private sector in exporting countries and eight representatives of the private sector in importing countries.

(3) Members of the PSCB shall be representatives of associations or bodies designated by the Council every two coffee years, and may be re-appointed. The Council in so doing shall endeavour to designate:

(a) two private sector coffee associations or bodies from exporting countries or regions representing each of the four groups of coffee, preferably representing both growers and exporters, together with one or more alternates for each representative; and

(b) eight private sector coffee associations or bodies from importing countries, whether Members or non-members, preferably representing both importers and roasters, together with one or more alternates for each representative.

(4) Each member of the PSCB may designate one or more advisers.

(5) The PSCB shall have a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman elected from among its members, for a period of one year. These officers may be re-elected. The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman shall not be paid by the Organization. The Chairman shall be invited to participate in meetings of the Council as an observer.

(6) The PSCB shall normally meet at the seat of the Organization, during regular sessions of the Council. In case of acceptance by the Council of an invitation by a Member to hold a meeting in its territory, the PSCB shall also meet in that territory, in which case the additional costs to the Organization involved above those incurred when the meeting is held at the seat of the Organization shall be borne by the country or private sector organization hosting the meeting.

(7) The PSCB may hold special meetings subject to approval by the Council.

(8) The PSCB shall submit regular reports to the Council.

(9) The PSCB shall establish its own rules of procedure, consistent with the provisions of this Agreement.