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International Coffee Agreements 2001 and 2007
Draft Resolutions

Background

This document contains the following draft Resolutions relating to the 2001 and 2007 Agreement:

Annex I Further extension of the International Coffee Agreement 2001
Annex II Extension of the time limit for ratification, acceptance or approval of the International Coffee Agreement 2007
Annex III Procedures for accession to the International Coffee Agreement 2007

Action

The Council is requested to consider this document.
ANNEX I

FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT 2001

WHEREAS:

By Resolution 432 the International Coffee Agreement 2001 was extended for a period of one year to 30 September 2008; and

In order to allow sufficient time for Governments to complete the procedures for the entry into force of the International Coffee Agreement 2007, it is necessary that the International Coffee Agreement 2001 be further extended.

THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE COUNCIL

RESOLVES:

1. To further extend the International Coffee Agreement 2001 for one year from 1 October 2008. However, the International Coffee Agreement 2007 shall enter into force as soon as the conditions for its provisional or definitive entry into force are met, thus terminating the period of extension of the International Coffee Agreement 2001.

2. To request the Executive Director to convey this Resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
ANNEX II

EXTENSION OF THE TIME LIMIT FOR RATIFICATION, ACCEPTANCE OR APPROVAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT 2007

WHEREAS:

The percentage of votes held by the signatory Governments that have deposited the instruments specified in Article 40 of the International Coffee Agreement 2007 is not sufficient for the entry into force of the Agreement under the provisions of Article 42;

Paragraph (3) of Article 40 of the Agreement stipulates that the Council may decide to grant extensions of time to signatory Governments that are unable to deposit their instruments by 30 September 2008; and

A number of Governments have indicated that they require more time to complete the deposit of the instruments mentioned in paragraph (3) of Article 40,

THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE COUNCIL

RESOLVES:

To extend the period for the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval of the International Coffee Agreement 2007 with the Depositary under the provisions of Article 40 of the Agreement from 30 September 2008 to 30 September 2009.
ANNEX III

PROCEDURES FOR ACCESSION TO THE
INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT 2007

WHEREAS:

A number of Governments eligible to sign the International Coffee Agreement 2007 under the provisions of Article 40 thereof were unable to do so by the time limit specified and have indicated that they wish to become Parties to the Agreement;

It is deemed desirable to establish procedures to enable the Governments concerned to accede to the Agreement as soon as possible; and

Under the provisions of Article 43 of the Agreement, the Government of any State member of the United Nations or of any of its specialized agencies or any intergovernmental organization described in paragraph (3) of Article 4 may accede to the Agreement in accordance with procedures which shall be established by the Council,

THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE COUNCIL

RESOLVES:

1. That Governments eligible to sign the International Coffee Agreement 2007, under the provisions of Article 40 thereof, may accede to the Agreement up to and including 30 September 2009 or such later time as the Council may decide on the same conditions under which they could have ratified, accepted or approved the Agreement, or undertaken to apply it provisionally, in accordance with their laws and regulations.

2. That an instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval submitted in accordance with the provisions of Article 40 of the Agreement after [22 September] 2008 and prior to 31 December 2008 shall be considered equivalent to an instrument of accession for the purposes of this Resolution.