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**Report of the Statistics Committee
on the meeting of 26 September 2007**

1. The 23rd meeting of the Statistics Committee took place on 26 September 2007.

Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda

2. The Committee adopted the draft Agenda contained in document WP-Statistics 112/07 Rev. 1.

Item 2: Election of the Chairman

3. The Committee elected Mr. Jaime Junqueira Payne, of the National Coffee Council (CNC) in Brazil, as Chairman for coffee years 2006/07 and 2007/08.

**Item 3: Report of the Statistics Committee
on the meeting of 23 May 2007**

4. The Committee approved the report on the meeting of 23 May 2007 contained in document WP-Statistics 111/07.

Item 4: Compliance with statistical rules

5. The Statistician introduced document WP-Statistics 115/07 containing information on the status of compliance by Members with the Rules on Statistics. Based on average trade data for the last four calendar years (2003 to 2006), full and satisfactory compliance by exporting Members was 90% – the highest ever achieved – while that of importing Members was just under 99%.

6. The Committee took note of this information and further noted that exporting Members with poor compliance represented only 5.7% of total average exports of the last four calendar years, and exports by non-complying Members represented just 1%. Two importing Members (Bulgaria and Hungary) were not providing the required statistical data, and two exporting Members (Mexico and Tanzania) were now in the poor compliance category. Contacts would continue with the relevant authorities to ensure that these countries fulfilled their obligations.

Item 5: Technical assistance

7. The Committee noted that Brazil had offered to share its expertise on the collection and reporting of statistical data to the Organization (such as data on monthly reports; Certificates of Origin; production estimates and stocks) with other producing countries. Countries with poor compliance would be contacted with a view to improving their statistical performance. The Brazilian National Supply Agency (CONAB), the government agency responsible for crop estimates and stocks, would be invited to make a presentation on its crop/stocks estimates methodology to the Council at its next Session.

Item 6: Inventories and stocks

8. The Committee noted that the European Coffee Federation (ECF) continued to post stocks and inventories data on its website. The site was last updated in June 2007 and was due to be updated again shortly. The Organization would continue to monitor this site regularly.

Item 7: ICO indicator prices

9. The Statistician introduced document WP-Statistics No. 113/07 containing information on the share of markets and group weightings in the calculation of the ICO composite and group indicator prices. In accordance with the Procedures for the collection, transmission, calculation, and publication of group and composite prices contained in document EB-3776/01 Rev. 1, every two years there should be a review of the market share for each group and the weightings used for the calculation of the ICO composite and group indicator prices.

10. The Committee took note of this document and decided to recommend to the Council that, with effect from 1 October 2007, the market share for the calculation of group prices should be as follows:

- Colombian Milds: 44% New York – 56% Germany
- Other Milds: 42% New York – 58% Germany
- Brazilian Naturals: 23% New York – 77% Germany
- Robustas: 18% New York – 82% France

In addition, group weightings for the calculation of the ICO daily composite indicator price should be as follows:

- Colombian Milds: 14%
- Other Milds: 20%
- Brazilian Naturals: 31%
- Robustas: 35%

Item 8: Organic coffee

11. The Statistician introduced document WP-Statistics 116/07 containing data on exports of organic coffee based on information extracted from Certificates of Origin and monthly reports in the first nine months of coffee year 2006/07 (October 2006 to June 2007).

12. The Committee took note of this information and requested the Organization to contact the coffee authorities in exporting countries to obtain detailed information on their organic certifying agencies. These agencies would then be requested to provide more accurate data on organic exports. Discrepancies between the volume of “passive organic” exports and actual certified organic exports could assist producers to assess the premium that could be obtained from this niche market. It further noted that, due to the low share of the organic coffee in the market (currently less than 2%), the collection of retail prices for this segment was still statistically insignificant. Finally, the Committee noted that the Secretariat would prepare data on exports of organic coffee by origin and by destination for the next meeting.

Item 9: Exports to exporting countries

13. The Statistician introduced document WP-Statistics 117/07 containing data on exports of all forms of coffee from all origins to exporting countries.

14. The Committee took note of this document and requested the Organization to urge exporting countries to report on their imports of coffee, as this information was a key component in the calculation of world consumption.

Item 10 Future statistical priorities

15. The Chairman said that document WP-Statistics 114/07 contained a proposal from Colombia suggesting that the Organization’s database should incorporate data on specific segments of the market such as sustainable coffee, fair trade coffee, etc. He invited all members of the Committee to send the Organization their views on future statistical priorities under a new Agreement. The Committee took note of this information.

Item 11: New statistical software at the ICO

16. The Statistician reported that the new statistical software had been fully implemented. The historical data and output reports had been transferred and the next step would be to link the reporting facility to the website. A brief demonstration took place and the Committee expressed its appreciation for the new system.

Item 12: Report to the International Coffee Council

17. The Committee noted that the Chairman would make a summary report to the Council.

Item 13: Other business

18. There was no other business to discuss.

Item 14: Future meetings

19. The Committee noted that its next meeting would take place in May 2008, at the time of the Council Session, and the Secretariat would confirm the exact date in due course.