The Executive Director presents his compliments and, for the information of Members, attaches a communication received from Turkey and his reply.
The Embassy of the Republic of Turkey presents its compliments to the International Coffee Organization (ICO) and has the honour to inform the Latter that the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Turkey decided on the withdrawal of Turkey from the International Coffee Agreement 2007, and that this decision was published in the Turkish Official Gazette No: 29873, dated 30 October 2016.

The Embassy would appreciate it if the ICO could acknowledge the receipt of this Note and inform the date of entry into force of the said decision with regard to Turkey.

The Embassy of the Republic of Turkey avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Coffee Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

London, 16 November 2016

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Your Excellency

I acknowledge receipt of the Note Verbale dated 10 November 2016 which your colleague, Mr. Sercan Evcin, delivered to the Organization yesterday, 14 November 2016. It is with great regret that I have received the official notification that the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Turkey has decided to withdraw from the International Coffee Agreement 2007.

In accordance with Article 45 of the International Coffee Agreement 2007, I confirm that the withdrawal shall become effective 90 days after the notice is received, namely 12 February 2017.

In the meantime, please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely

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