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Symposium on 'Meeting the SDGs: Challenges for the Coffee Value Chain. Shared solutions to coffee price levels, volatility and long-term sustainability': 6 June 2019, Brussels

- 1. The Executive Director presents his compliments and wishes to invite Members, observers and members of the Private Sector Consultative Board, to an interactive symposium 'Meeting the SDGs: Challenges for the Coffee Value Chain. Shared Solutions to coffee price levels, volatility and long-term sustainability' on 6 June 2019 at the Albert Borschette Congress Center in Brussels, Belgium.
- 2. Initiated by the ICO, in partnership with the European Coffee Federation and hosted by the European Commission, this symposium is the fifth event held as part of the ICO's 'Structured Sector-Wide Dialogue' to implement Resolution 465 on Coffee Price Levels.
- 3. This symposium will bring together coffee sector stakeholders, policy-makers, academia, civil society and development partners to identify solutions for a sustainable and inclusive delopment of the coffee sector in a spirit of shared values and responsibility.
- 4. Supplementary information, including details of the venue, registration and the full programme is attached at the Annex.

Attendance at the symposium

- 5. Further to the decision of the International Coffee Council at its 124th Session, Members expressed their commitment to mobilize their diplomatic representations to the EU and to international organizations to ensure active participation.
- 6. We encourage all Members, observers and members of the Private Sector Consultative Board to attend as part of the structured sector dialogue that is an integral part of the implementation of Resolution 465.

- 7. In order to attend the symposium prior registration is obligatory for security reasons. All participants must register their details by 24 May via: http://tiny.cc/symposium 6 June
- 8. The European Commission which is hosting the symposium will send to all registered participants an e-pass shortly before the event. Participants must bring a copy of their e-pass and an identification document on 6 June in order to be able to access the building.
- 9. Please note that registration does not guarantee access to the symposium as places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.