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**Joint Declaration between the
United Nations Industrial Development
Organization and the International Coffee
Organization**

Background

This document contains a copy of the joint Declaration between the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the International Coffee Organization (ICO). It aims to promote inclusive and sustainable industrial agri-business development for cooperation in order to enhance the effectiveness of their respective efforts within the coffee value chain in developing countries and in countries with economies in transition.

Action

The Council is requested to note the attached Joint Declaration between UNIDO and the ICO.

JOINT DECLARATION

by

**Dejene Tezera, Director, Department of Agri-Business, of the
United Nations Industrial Development Organization**

and

**José Sette, Executive Director of the
International Coffee Organization**

WHEREAS the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), as a specialized agency of the United Nations, has the primary responsibility in promoting industrial development in the developing countries and in countries with economies in transition;

WHEREAS the International Coffee Organization (ICO) is an inter-governmental organization, aimed at strengthening the global coffee sector and promoting its sustainable expansion in a market-based environment for the betterment of all participants in the sector;

WHEREAS UNIDO and ICO have the common commitment of promoting inclusive and sustainable industrial agri-business development and wish to record their intentions and objectives for cooperation in order to enhance the effectiveness of their respective efforts within the coffee value chain development in developing Countries and in countries with economies in transition;

NOW THEREFORE the Director General of UNIDO and the Executive Director of ICO declare:

1. Their intention to facilitate close co-operation between UNIDO and ICO for designing custom programmes and activities for supporting an inclusive and sustainable development of the coffee value chain, which include promoting coffee quality and safety improvement, enhancing the capacity of local communities and promoting transfer of technology and access to finance;
2. Their intention, subject to their respective programmes of activities, to work in coordination for improving effectiveness of their respective activities and promoting good practices and lessons learnt in the area of coffee value chain development and public-private partnership approaches;

3. Their desire, depending on the availability of the necessary funds, to identify suitable joint initiatives relating to the above areas of cooperation in accordance with the respective policies, procedures, rules and regulations of UNIDO and ICO;

4. Their intention to undertake mutual consultations with a view of concluding an appropriate relationship agreement to institutionalize the partnership, which would be subject to approval in accordance with their respective policies and procedures;

The signatories acknowledge that the present Joint Declaration is not to be construed as a binding document and does not give rise to any form of fiduciary or legal obligation or financial commitments. Any activities that may be conducted under this Joint Declaration are subject to and contingent upon the availability of sufficient staff, funds, and other resources and may require the execution of one or more legally binding instruments, which will be separately negotiated and agreed to by the signatories.

For the United Nations Industrial Development
Organization (UNIDO)

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