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**Communication from the
Government of Brazil**

The Executive Director presents his compliments and, for the information of Members, attaches a communication from the Government of Brazil which requests that it be circulated to Members of the Organization and to the Sherpas of the Coffee Public-Private Task Force.



PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF BRAZIL
TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS IN LONDON

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The Permanent Representation of Brazil to International Organisations in London presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Coffee Organization (ICO) and wishes to refer to a United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) report on the work carried out in connection with the Koronivia (Fiji) meeting on agriculture. In a recent document, Member countries stressed the importance of the use of technology in agribusiness, especially of the concepts of Integrated Crop-Livestock-Forest (ICLF) and of Precision Agriculture in efforts to reduce the negative effects of climate change.

Given its flexible nature, which allows for planting in succession, crop rotation or mixed crops, the concept of ICLF is quoted as contributing to food security and social and economic development. Precision agriculture, on the other hand, is recognized as having enabled great productivity increases and, in parallel, reductions of up to 50% in food prices. All these advances contribute to food security, sustainable development and farmers' incomes.

In Brazil's case, as noted with pride, the document points out that the country's productivity has increased 386% in recent decades, while agricultural areas have only grown 83%. In practical terms, productivity gains have allowed for the preservation of 120 million hectares of forest areas, at current production levels. It is necessary to remember that, for such results to be achieved, both the Brazilian Government and the country's producers have undertaken major investments in public policies and technologies, with particular emphasis on tools that make sustainable intensification, climate change adaptation and the preservation of natural resources possible.

Also according to the report, and in line with the Brazilian position in this Organization, Brazil intends to continue committed to the use of technologies to achieve an agriculture that is increasingly sustainable and prosperous. Similarly, Brazil will pursue opportunities for cooperation, knowledge exchange and multilateral support as a key strategy to attain sustainable development and food security throughout the coffee chain, duly availing itself, for this purpose, of all the forums provided by this Organization.

The circulation of this note to the other Member countries and to the Sherpas of the Coffee Public-Private Task Force is kindly requested.

The Permanent Representation of Brazil to International Organisations in London takes this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the International Coffee Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

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