Coefficient factor to be applied in the conversion of green decaffeinated coffee into green bean equivalent

1. The Executive Director presents his compliments and informs all Members that, at the meeting of the Statistics Committee held in March 2009, a proposal was received that the Organization should apply a coefficient factor of 1.05 instead of 1.00 for the conversion of green coffee that has undergone the decaffeination process into green bean equivalent.

2. For the purposes of the records held in the Organization’s statistical database, it is suggested that this factor be applied as from the date of entry into force of the International Coffee Agreement (ICA) 2007. Therefore, no changes would be made to the historical statistical series currently held.

3. Members are requested to forward their views on the proposal to the Organization by **no later than 31 July 2009**, so that a report may be prepared for the 103rd Session of the Council in September 2009.