1. The Executive Director presents his compliments and wishes to remind exporting Members, in particular, that, at its meeting in May 2008, the Chairman of the Statistics Committee reported to the Council on their inadequate compliance with the provision of production and domestic consumption estimates in accordance with the Rules on Statistics, contained in document EB-3830/02.

2. Exporting Members should bear in mind that the provision of up-to-date estimates is essential to the supply-demand analysis carried out by the Organization on a regular basis. In addition, they enhance the reliability of the statistical documents published by the Organization and, consequently, overall market transparency.

3. Exporting Members are requested to send, as soon as possible, estimates for the current crop year (2007/08: for those countries with crop years running from July to June and those with crop years running from October to September; 2008/09: for those countries with crop years running from April to March) and confirmation of the final estimate for their last crop (2006/07 and/or 2007/08, as appropriate) for total production and domestic consumption. These estimates can be sent to the Organization by email (stats@ico.org) or by fax (+44 (0) 20 76120630).