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**Seminar on the coffee berry borer:  
draft terms of reference**

1. The Executive Director presents his compliments and attaches a document containing draft terms of reference for a Seminar on the coffee berry borer, as provided for in the programme of activities for 2008/09 (document EB-3945/08 Rev. 1). The Seminar will take place at the ICO headquarters in London during the 102<sup>nd</sup> Council Session from 16 – 20 March 2009, and is scheduled for the afternoon of Tuesday 17 March 2009.
2. Members are invited to send comments on the draft terms of reference and suggestions for speakers to the Executive Director no later than **15 December 2008**, following which appropriate speakers will be identified and contacted.

## **DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A SEMINAR ON THE COFFEE BERRY BORER**

### **Introduction**

1. In August 2007 and February 2008, in the light of concerns raised by Members during Council Sessions about the proliferation of pests and diseases affecting coffee, the Executive Director circulated documents ED-2020/07 and ED-2020/07 Rev. 1, inviting Members to complete and return a questionnaire on four leading coffee pests and diseases (coffee berry borer (CBB), coffee leaf rust, white stem borer and coffee wilt disease – tracheomyces).
2. The summary of responses received from 20 Members, representing close to 75% of world production, is contained in document EB-3948/08. With a single exception, all replies reported the presence of the CBB, with 14 countries considering it a problem and three a major problem. The CBB is probably the world's most serious insect pest of coffee and has caused heavy losses costing millions of dollars worldwide.
3. In view of the interest expressed by Members in this issue, a Seminar on the CBB, to be held in March 2009, has been included in the programme of activities of the Organization for coffee year 2008/09 which was approved by the Council at its 101<sup>st</sup> Session in September 2008 (see Item 1.10.1 of document EB-3945/08 Rev. 1).

### **Objective**

4. The objective of the Seminar is to provide information to Members on the results of initiatives to combat the pest, the latest developments in control measures and regional issues associated with the CBB.

### **Proposed structure**

5. The Seminar will cover the following issues:
  - (a) *Overview of the results of a CFC/ICO project to combat the CBB*

The introductory session will examine a preliminary impact assessment by the Common Fund for Commodities (CFC) of the project CFC/ICO/02 'Integrated management of the coffee berry borer', concluded in 2002. The project sought to promote sustainable development by introducing an effective integrated pest management system and reducing the use of chemical pest control methods. It was also designed to enhance productivity and competitiveness through producing higher

quality coffee and reducing production losses. The project was conducted in the following countries: Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Jamaica and Mexico.

(b) *New developments and findings in CBB-related research*

Speakers from research institutions and technical experts will share recent findings that can be useful in the development of new techniques to combat the CBB.

(c) *Regional issues*

This section will address practical and technical issues experienced by producing countries from various regions, so as to provide a global overview of the current status of this pest.

**Suggested speakers**

6. It is proposed that organizations from the following categories could be approached to provide speakers:

- Research institutions/universities
- Farmers' associations in exporting countries
- Appropriate government agencies
- Relevant international organizations