Background

1. As noted by the Council at its 103rd Session in September 2009, all documents relating to the 2007 Agreement will be considered at the first Council Session after it enters into force. Article 2 of the 2007 Agreement (Definitions) provides that the Council shall, as soon as possible after the Agreement enters into force, and again at intervals of three years, review the conversion factors for the types of coffee listed in sub-paragraphs (d), (e), (f) and (g) of the Article.

2. The Organization received a proposal that it 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. On the recommendation of the Statistics Committee, the Council approved this proposal at its 105th Session in September 2010 (see document ED-2062/09). The list of revised conversion factors to be used under the 2007 Agreement is attached as an Annex.

3. For the purposes of the records held in the Organization’s statistical database, it was suggested that this factor should be applied as from the date of entry into force of the International Coffee Agreement (ICA) 2007 (i.e. 2 February 2011). Therefore, no changes would be made to the historical statistical series currently held.

4. The wording of the Annex has been revised to enhance clarification and understanding. Annex I contains the revised wording and Annex II the original wording of the Annex as it appears in the ICA 2007.

Action

The Council is requested to consider this document and approve it.
CONVERSION FACTORS FOR ROASTED, DECAFFEINATED, LIQUID AND SOLUBLE COFFEE
(Revised version)

Roasted coffee
To convert roasted coffee into green bean equivalent, multiply the net weight of roasted coffee by 1.19.

Decaffeinated coffee
To convert green decaffeinated coffee into green bean equivalent, multiply the net weight of the green decaffeinated coffee by 1.05. To convert decaffeinated roasted and soluble coffee into green bean equivalent, multiply their net weight by 1.19 or 2.6, respectively.

Liquid coffee
To convert liquid coffee into green bean equivalent, multiply the net weight of the dried coffee solids contained in the liquid coffee by 2.6.

Soluble coffee
To convert soluble coffee into green bean equivalent, multiply the net weight of the soluble coffee by 2.6.
CONVERSION FACTORS FOR ROASTED, DECAFFEINATED, LIQUID AND SOLUBLE COFFEE
(Original version)

Roasted coffee
To find the equivalent of roasted coffee to green coffee, multiply the net weight of roasted coffee by 1.19.

Decaffeinated coffee
To find the equivalent of decaffeinated coffee to green coffee, multiply the net weight of the decaffeinated coffee in green, roasted or soluble form by 1.00, 1.19 or 2.6 respectively.

Liquid coffee
To find the equivalent of liquid coffee to green coffee, multiply the net weight of the dried coffee solids contained in the liquid coffee by 2.6.

Soluble coffee
To find the equivalent of soluble coffee to green coffee, multiply the net weight of the soluble coffee by 2.6.