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### **Coffee Quality-Improvement Programme**

WHEREAS:

Resolution number 399 requests producing countries to take measures to reduce the availability of defective coffee beans which have a negative effect on the natural flavour of the beverage, with the support of all Members and the private sector;

The same Resolution requests the Executive Board to keep the matter under review, and the Executive Director to consider the need for further studies and to report to the Council through the Executive Board;

Further studies have indicated that it should be possible to implement measures designed to improve the quality of coffee on the world market by restricting exports of coffee beans which have a negative effect on the natural flavour of the beverage and diverting these defective coffee beans to alternative uses; and

It is deemed appropriate to establish standards that will facilitate the international application of measures for the withdrawal from the market of defective coffee beans and those with a moisture content above the permitted level,

THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE COUNCIL

RESOLVES:

1. To establish a Quality Committee composed of four importing Members and four exporting Members (see Annex), and open to all Members who may attend as observers, to be initially responsible for drafting and presenting to the Executive Board by January 2002:

- the standards applicable in regard to coffee beans which should be considered defective and which have a negative effect on the natural flavour of the beverage;
- the level of permitted moisture content and the measurement protocol applicable;
- the way in which exporting Members should indicate, in their Certificates of Origin, compliance with the standards adopted;
- the way in which importing Members should cooperate in verifying compliance with the standards adopted;
- the measures to be taken in cases of non-compliance with the standards;
- measures for controlling the application of the standards in exporting Member countries, in regard to coffee processed at origin;
- any additional measures deemed necessary for the implementation of the Quality Programme, verification of compliance and evaluation of results; and
- the timetable for implementation of the Quality Programme.

2. That the Quality Committee shall invite the Executive Director and up to four representatives of the private sector designated by the Chairman of the Private Sector Consultative Board to participate as expert advisers and that the proposal made by the Committee should take into account the contributions of the private sector.

3. That the Executive Board, at its meeting in January 2002, shall consider the proposal submitted by the Quality Committee and submit its recommendation to the Council.

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE QUALITY COMMITTEE**

**EXPORTING MEMBERS**

Brazil  
Colombia  
Mexico  
Indonesia

**IMPORTING MEMBERS**

To be confirmed

The Executive Director and up to four representatives of the private sector designated by the Chairman of the Private Sector Consultative Board will also participate in the work of the Committee as expert advisers.