Establishment of the Statistics Committee under the International Coffee Agreement 2007

Draft decision of the Council

Background

1. The Statistics Committee is a standing Committee of the Organization, established by the Executive Board in September 1998, following the recommendation of the Expert Panel on Statistics that a permanent open group on statistics should be set up. The Committee held its first meeting in May 1999 and has met on a regular basis under the 1994 and the 2001 Agreements to consider and make recommendations on statistical matters.

2. Terms of reference for the Statistics Committee under the International Coffee Agreement (ICA) 2007 were agreed by the Council at its 102nd Session in March 2009 (see document ICC-102-16). At its 100th Session in May 2008, the Council noted that as there was no reference to the Committee in the 2007 Agreement, and as the Executive Board would no longer exist under the new Agreement, consideration should be given to preparing a draft decision to establish the Statistics Committee under the ICA 2007, given the importance of its work. The text of a draft decision is given below:

“The International Coffee Council notes the importance of the work of the Statistics Committee which has operated under the 1994 and 2001 Agreements and decides to establish the Statistics Committee under the 2007 Agreement with the mandate of examining, evaluating and making recommendations to the Council on statistical matters.”

Action

The Council is requested to consider this draft decision.

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1 See paragraph 13 of document EB-3686/98 and paragraph 13 of document WP-Statistics 13/98.