Background

1. The Council will consider a draft Resolution extending the time limit for ratification, acceptance or approval of the International Coffee Agreement (ICA) 2007.

2. In September 2008, 2009 and 2010 the Council approved Resolutions 440, 442 and 446 extending the deadline for ratification, acceptance or approval of the ICA 2007 for a further year in each case. As a number of signatory Governments require more time to complete the procedures for the 2007 Agreement, Members may wish to consider extending the time for the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval for a further year until 30 September 2012.

3. It is not proposed to extend the deadline for signature which also expires on 28 September 2011, in the light of Resolution 447 which was approved by the Council in March 2011 and establishes procedures for accession to the 2007 Agreement.

4. Members are invited to send any comments on this draft Resolution to the Executive Director a.i. in writing by 1 September 2011.

Action

The Council is requested to consider this document.
ANNEX

INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT 2007

DRAFT RESOLUTION

Extension of the time limit for
ratification, acceptance or approval of the
International Coffee Agreement 2007

WHEREAS:

Paragraph (3) of Article 40 of the International Coffee Agreement 2007 stipulates that the Council may decide to grant extensions of time to signatory Governments that are unable to deposit their instruments by 30 September 2008;

Under the terms of paragraph 1 of Resolution 446 the period for the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval of the International Coffee Agreement 2007 is further extended to 28 September 2011; and

A number of Governments have indicated that they require more time to complete the deposit of the instruments mentioned in paragraph (3) of Article 40,

THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE COUNCIL

RESOLVES:

To extend the period for the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval of the International Coffee Agreement 2007 with the Depositary under the provisions of Article 40 of the Agreement and of Resolution 446 from 28 September 2011 to 30 September 2012.