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International Coffee Agreement 2007

**Draft Resolution extending the time limit
for ratification, acceptance, approval or
accession**

Background

1. The Council will consider a draft Resolution extending the time limit for the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.
2. In September 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 the Council approved Resolutions 440, 442, 446 and 448 extending the deadline for ratification, acceptance or approval of the ICA 2007 for a further year in each case. The current deadline is 30 September 2012.
3. In March 2011, the Council approved Resolution 447 establishing procedures for accession to the 2007 Agreement no later than 30 September 2012 or such other time as the Council may decide.
4. As a number of 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, approval or accession for a further year until 30 September 2013.
5. Members are invited to send any comments on this draft Resolution to the Executive Director in writing by **3 September 2012**.

Action

The Council is requested to consider this document.

ANNEX

INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT 2007

DRAFT RESOLUTION

**Extension of the time limit for
ratification, acceptance, approval or accession**

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 448 the period for the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval of the International Coffee Agreement 2007 is further extended to 30 September 2012;

Under the terms of paragraph 1 of Resolution 447, Governments eligible for membership in accordance with Article 43 of the Agreement may accede by depositing an instrument of accession with the Organization no later than 30 September 2012 or such other time as the Council may decide; and

A number of Governments have indicated that they require additional time to deposit the required instruments,

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 448 from 30 September 2012 to 30 September 2013.

To extend the period for the deposit of instruments of accession to the International Coffee Agreement 2007 with the Depositary under the provisions of Article 43 of the Agreement and of Resolution 447 from 30 September 2012 to 30 September 2013 or such other time as the Council may decide.