



**Report of the Statistics Committee  
on the meeting of 20 September 2010**

1. The Statistics Committee held its 28<sup>th</sup> meeting on 20 September 2010.

**Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda**

2. The Committee adopted the draft Agenda contained in document WP-Statistics 144/10 Rev. 1.

**Item 2: Election of the Chairman**

3. The Committee elected Mr Thiago Masson to chair the current meeting.

**Item 3: Report of the Statistics Committee  
on the meeting of 21 September 2009**

4. The Committee approved the report on the meeting of 21 September 2009 contained in document WP-Statistics 143/09.

**Item 4: Compliance with statistical rules**

5. The Statistician introduced document WP-Statistics 149/10 containing information on the status of compliance by Members with the Rules on Statistics. Based on data for the last four calendar years 2006 to 2009, levels of compliance with the provision of statistical information on the world coffee trade by exporting and importing countries were satisfactory or better at nearly 90% and 99%, respectively.

6. The Committee took note of this information and further noted that, with the exception of Brazil, Costa Rica and El Salvador, compliance by exporting Members in

providing production, stocks and internal consumption estimates remains poor, particularly for the last three years. The Committee urged exporting Members to improve their performance, as this information was essential to the analysis of supply and demand made by the Organization. The Committee also noted that Hungary is now the only importing Member failing to provide data on its coffee trade.

**Item 5: Technical assistance**

7. The Chairman reported that arrangements are being made for the statistical assistance to be provided to African countries in February 2011. A workshop will be conducted in Tanzania to train their staff on the requirements set out in the Rules on Statistics of the Organization – documents ICC-102-9 and ICC-102-10.

8. The Committee was informed that, in October last year, workshops were held in Indonesia and Vietnam with the same purpose. Since then, the flow of information received from these two Members has improved, although efforts continue to be made to upgrade their overall compliance. The Committee took note of this information.

**Item 6: Rules on Indicator prices**

9. The Committee was informed that, in accordance with the programme of activities for 2009/10, a meeting was held in London with the agents that collect the daily prices in the three markets (France, Germany and the USA) in which possible improvements to the indicator price system were discussed.

10. On the basis of additional information collected by the agents from November 2009 to August 2010 growths of coffee that are commercially traded in significant volumes on a daily basis, and, in order to provide a basis for the revision of the current Rules for the calculation of group indicators and composite prices contained in document EB-3776/01 Rev. 1, two documents have been prepared on this matter – WP-Statistics 145/10 and 146/10. In addition, a revised version of the current Rules for the collection, transmission, calculation and publication of ICO group and composite indicator prices (document WP-Council 203/10) was also prepared and was discussed by the Committee in its meeting. The Committee approved the proposals contained in this latter document under reference and recommended its approval by the Council with the following amendments:

- (a) The new Rules on indicator prices will come into force on **3 January 2011** if the International Coffee Agreement (ICA) 2007 is in effect before 31 December 2010, else, they will come into force on **the first working day of the following month after the entry into force of the ICA 2007**; and
- (b) The system proposed would be maintained for the life of the new Agreement subject to a review every **three** years.

**Item 7: Inventories and stocks**

11. The Committee noted that the latest information posted on the website of the European Coffee Federation showed inventories and stocks in the main European ports for calendar year 2009 and from January to July 2010. The Organization would continue to monitor this site regularly and include this data into its statistical series, as previously decided by the Committee.

**Item 8: Organic coffee**

12. The Statistician introduced document WP-Statistics 147/10 containing data on exports of organic coffee based on information extracted from Certificates of Origin and monthly reports in the first nine months – October to June – of coffee years 2005/06 to 2009/10. Exporting Members would be requested to take care and attention in filling the appropriate field for organic coffee as this information is an invaluable source of data for this segment. The Committee took note of this document.

**Item 9: Exports to exporting countries**

13. The Statistician introduced document WP-Statistics 148/10 containing data on exports of all forms of coffee from all origins to exporting countries. As requested in the previous meeting, additional tables presenting details by origin and destinations were included in the document. Brazil and El Salvador are the only exporting Members providing information on coffee imports on a regular basis. The Committee took note of this document and, given the growing importance of this trade, highlighted the need for all exporting Members to make efforts to provide reports on imports of coffee to the Organization as early as possible.

**Item 10: Report to the International Coffee Council**

14. The Committee noted that the Chairman would make a summary report to the Council of discussions at this meeting. He would recommend approval by the Council of the draft procedures for the collection, transmission, calculation and publication of group and composite indicator prices which would constitute the Rules on Indicator prices under the ICA 2007. In addition, the Chairman would remind exporting Members of the need to provide annual estimates of total production, domestic consumption and stocks at the end of each crop year. It would also be recommended that Members should consider taking the necessary steps to adapt their systems to the new Statistical Rules of the Organization, contained in documents ICC-102-9 and ICC-102-10, as it is expected that the ICA 2007 will come into force during 2010/11.

**Item 11: Other business**

*Registered ports of export and ICO Certifying Agents*

15. The Committee noted that some exporting Members are still to update their details on Certifying Agents and ports of export from their countries (see document WP-Council 174/08 Rev. 1). Since the publication of this document, Ecuador is the only exporting Member that has supplied the information requested. The Committee was informed that the final version of this document would be circulated when the ICA 2007 enters into force.

*Economic studies*

16. The Committee was informed of the various studies prepared by the Secretariat for the current Council Sessions and expressed its appreciation for this effort. The Committee would welcome any additional study that would enhance transparency in the coffee market that can be provided in the future.

*Statistics Committee*

17. The Committee agreed to propose that its present composition be maintained by the Council until the ICA 2007 enters into force.

**Item 12: Future meetings**

18. The Committee agreed that, as the next Council meeting would take place in Côte d'Ivoire in March 2011, its next meeting would be held in London in September 2011.