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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 2015 the Council approved Resolution 456 extending the deadline for ratification, acceptance, approval of or accession to the International Coffee Agreement (ICA) 2007 for a further year. The current deadline is 30 September 2016. Previous Resolutions extending deadlines are contained in Resolutions 440, 442, 446, 448, 449, 452, 454 and 456 in the case of ratification, acceptance or approval; and 447, 449, 452, 454 and 456 in the case of accession.
3. 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 29 September 2017.
4. Members are invited to send any comments on this draft Resolution (attached as an Annex) to the Executive Director in writing by **26 August 2016**.

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 456 the period for the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval of the International Coffee Agreement 2007 is further extended to 30 September 2016;

Under the terms of paragraph 1 of Resolution 456, 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 2016 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 456 from 30 September 2016 to 29 September 2017.

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 456 from 30 September 2016 to 29 September 2017 or such other time as the Council may decide.