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**Communication received from
the Government of Kenya**

The Executive Director presents his compliments and has the pleasure of circulating to Members, observers and members of the Private Sector Consultative Board, the attached letter received from the Government of Kenya confirming the verbal invitation to host the 123rd Session of the International Coffee Council and associated meetings, in Nairobi, Kenya, as well as requesting a change in dates from 8-12 April 2019 to 25-29 March 2019.

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27th August, 2018

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Dear Mr. Sette

HOSTING THE 123RD SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION COUNCIL IN NAIROBI FROM 25TH – 29TH MARCH, 2019 IN NAIROBI, KENYA

Further to the verbal offer to host the 123rd Session of the International Coffee Council (ICC), made by the Kenyan delegation earlier this year, I would like to formally invite all Members of the International Coffee Organization to join us in Nairobi for this important Session.

Kenya is the fourth largest coffee producer in Africa and is renowned for its high quality coffee. It also has many innovative research programmes in place to produce varieties that combine quality with disease resistance, including those which provide increased protection against the impacts of climate change.

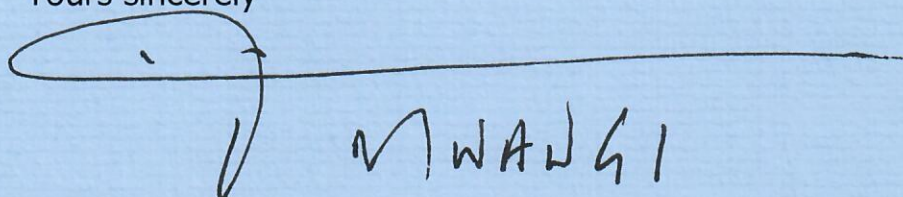
Therefore, this event will provide an excellent opportunity for delegates to learn more about the Kenyan experience of producing high quality coffee in a sustainable environment. In addition, delegates will also have the opportunity to visit coffee farms at the foot of Mount Kenya, as well as the rich Masai Mara and Tsavo National Parks and the beautiful beaches on the coast. At the next Session of the ICC, in September 2018, a comprehensive presentation on all preparations will be made by the Kenya delegation.

I would like to suggest to bring the date of the Session forward from **25th - 29th March 2019** from that initially proposed at the ICC meeting in Yamoussoukro in September 2017.

Kenya has hosted many international conferences and, therefore, has a proven track record in hosting events of the magnitude proposed.

I would like to thank the Members of the ICO for giving this opportunity to Kenya.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'M' followed by the name 'MWANGI' in capital letters.

**HON. MWANGI KIUNJURI, EGH, MGH
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