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**Report of the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the  
Core Group for the Consultative Forum on  
Coffee Sector Finance held virtually in  
September 2020**

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1. As a result of the covid-19 situation, the 127<sup>th</sup> Session of the International Coffee Council (ICC) and related meetings were held online. The 10<sup>th</sup> Consultative Forum that was to take place as part of the World Coffee Conference 2020 in Bengaluru, India had to be postponed.

2. The virtual ICC meetings and related committee meetings were streamlined in order to facilitate the participation of delegates from across different time zones. As part of the streamlining, in consultation with the Chair, on an exceptional basis the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Core Group was held in a virtual format through email consultation of Members.

3. The draft agenda was distributed via email to all members of the Core Group on Wednesday, 2 September 2020 and subsequently adopted on a no-objection basis. The Core Group took note of and where appropriate approved the following agenda items.

**Item 1: Adoption of the Report of the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Core Group**

4. Members of the Group approved the report contained in Document [CG-36/19](#).

**Item 2: Report of the 9<sup>th</sup> Consultative Forum**

5. The members of the Core Group approved Document [CF-17/20](#) containing the outcomes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Forum held on 24 September 2019 in London.

**Item 3: Preparations of the 10<sup>th</sup> Consultative Forum on Coffee Sector Finance**

6. The Core Group was informed about the preparations for the 10<sup>th</sup> Consultative Forum on Coffee Sector Finance:

- Date: The 10<sup>th</sup> Consultative Forum will be held in spring 2021 at the time of the 129<sup>th</sup> Session of the ICC.
- Theme: In view of the covid-19 situation that poses significant challenges to the coffee sector and next year's ICO focus on youth / the next generation the following theme was proposed: *'Building back better: financing options for the post-coronavirus recovery of the coffee sector with special focus on the needs of young farmers and entrepreneurs'*.

7. The members of the Core Group considered the proposal and recommended its approval by the Council.

**Item 4:        Date of next meeting**

8.        The next meeting of the Core Group will take place at the time of the 130<sup>th</sup> Council Session.