Communication from Vietnam

Background

1. The attached document contains a communication from Vietnam, addressed to the Executive Director, stating that Vietnam agrees with the extension of the International Coffee Agreement 2007.

2. Vietnam is also requesting that their voting rights be restored for the 131st Special Session of the Council to be held on 9 and 10 February 2022.
Mr José Sette
Executive Director
International Coffee Organization
222 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8HB

Subject: Extension of International Coffee Agreement 2007

Dear José Sette

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Vietnam (MARD) presents its compliments to you and takes this opportunity to thank you for your letter dated 04 January 2022 concerning the International Coffee Agreement 2007 (ICA 2007) - Draft Resolution extending the time limit for ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to 01 February 2023.

In this connection, The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Vietnam would like to inform ICO that MARD under the supervision with our agencies for extension of the ICA 2007 as well as the contribution for the year 2020/2021 to ICO. We, at MARD would like to inform ICO that Viet Nam agree to extend the ICA, with the extension of ICA, we look forward to a stronger, continued and effective participation of ICO in the in the process of reform of the Agreement and as beneficiary of the growing support mobilised by the ICO in benefit of all its Members and their coffee sectors. stronger, continued and effective participation of Viet Nam.

However, Vietnam Coffee Association will transfer to ICO as: The first amount will transfer to ICO before the 131 ICC Meeting; and the second amount will transfer in June 2022. So that, MARD request ICO to recover the voting rights of Vietnam before the 131 ICC Meeting which will be held on 9 – 10 Feb 2022.

Once again, We take this opportunity to request the ICO to circulate this letter to the Members of the Organization for their information.

Yours sincerely,

Le Quoc Doanh
Vice Minister

Cc: Vietnam Coffee Association