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**RESOLUTION ON MARKET INFORMATION SYSTEMS FOR COCOA PRODUCERS**

**Note by the secretariat:**

The attached resolution was agreed by the Consultative Board on the World Cocoa Economy at its ninth meeting in June 2006 and is submitted for the consideration of the Council at its seventy-fourth regular session in September 2006.

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### *THE INTERNATIONAL COCOA COUNCIL*

*RECOGNIZING the importance of Market Information Systems to improve the functioning of the market by increasing market transparency for the benefit of all participants, particularly the smallholder cocoa farmers;*

*OBSERVING that, while in some cocoa producing countries the current Market Information Systems could be considered to be satisfactory, in others there is clearly room for improvement;*

*ENCOURAGES cocoa producing countries to establish or strengthen a Market Information System which is accessible to all stakeholders in the country, particularly smallholder cocoa farmers;*

*RECOMMENDS that in order to achieve a strong and sustainable Market Information System, such Market Information Systems should be provided as a public service;*

*INVITES the ICCO secretariat to provide technical assistance to those producing countries that request such assistance in establishing or strengthening their Market Information Systems.*