CONSULTATIVE BOARD ON THE WORLD COCOA ECONOMY
Twenty-eighth meeting
Radisson Blu Hotel, Zurich Airport, Switzerland, 10 March 2014

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4. SPS issues: jute bags, cadmium and other contaminants
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6. Review of The Implementation of the Global Cocoa Agenda
7. International workshop on cocoa certification: Direct Dialogue between the industry and producing countries
8. Increasing Cocoa Productivity through the use of high-yielding planting material, fertilizers and strengthening of farmers’ organizations
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ANNOTATIONS TO THE DRAFT AGENDA

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The twenty-eighth meeting of the Consultative Board on the World Cocoa Economy will be opened by its Chairman, Dr. Martin Gilmour (Mars).

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Board will consider the draft agenda contained in this document as a basis for adopting its agenda.

3. REVISED WORK PROGRAMME OF THE BOARD

The Board will consider its revised work programme, contained in document CB/27/3/Rev.1.

4. SPS ISSUES: JUTE BAGS, CADMIUM AND OTHER CONTAMINANTS

The Board will receive an update on issues related to jute bags, cadmium and other contaminants.

5. PREPARATIONS FOR THE SECOND WORLD COCOA CONFERENCE (WCC2)

The Board will review progress in the preparations towards the hosting of the Second World Cocoa Conference (WCC2), planned for 9-13 June 2014, at the kind invitation of the Government of the Netherlands, with reference to document ED(MEM) 961/Rev.1 and the latest brochure for the Conference.

6. REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GLOBAL COCOA AGENDA

The Board will review the implementation of the Global Cocoa Agenda, which was agreed at the World Cocoa Conference in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire in November 2012. In this respect, and as agreed at its 27th meeting in September 2013, representatives of key cocoa exporting countries, including Brazil, Cameroon, Indonesia and Nigeria, and key cocoa importing countries, including Switzerland and The European Union, will report on the progress achieved in the development and implementation of the cocoa development plans and public-private partnership platforms in their countries at the March 2014 meeting.

Following these presentations, discussions will take place within smaller groups in the format of a “Cocoa Forum” session, to enable interactive debate on the issues raised.

In addition, the Secretariat will provide an update of preparations underway for the survey of initiatives that are being implemented in the cocoa sector.
7. INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON COCOA CERTIFICATION: DIRECT DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE INDUSTRY AND PRODUCING COUNTRIES

The Board will review the outcome of the two-day workshop which took place in Zurich from 6-7 March 2014, and consider recommendations to be made to the ICCO Council at its concurrent 89th regular session.

8. INCREASING COCOA PRODUCTIVITY THROUGH THE USE OF HIGH-YIELDING PLANTING MATERIAL, FERTILIZERS AND STRENGTHENING OF FARMERS’ ORGANIZATIONS

The Committee will receive a report from the ECA/CAOBISCO/FCC Joint Cocoa Quality and Productivity Working Group on increasing cocoa productivity through the use of high-yielding planting material, fertilizers and strengthening of farmers’ organizations.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Matters not on the agenda may be raised for consideration.

10. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Board will agree the date and place of its next meeting.