ECONOMICS COMMITTEE
Third meeting
Radisson Blu Hotel, Zurich Airport, Switzerland, 11-13 March 2014

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ANNOTATIONS TO THE DRAFT AGENDA

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The third meeting of the Economics Committee will be opened by its Chairman, H.E. Mr. Luis Valverde (Ecuador).

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

3. THE WORLD COCOA ECONOMY: PRESENT AND FUTURE

The Secretariat will present a comprehensive overview of the current market situation and prospects for the world cocoa economy for the next five years, with reference to document EC/3/2.

4. REPORT OF THE 21ST MEETING OF THE EXPERT WORKING GROUP ON STOCKS


5. IMPORT TARIFFS APPLIED IN COCOA TRADE

Following the presentation delivered at the second meeting of the Committee on Import Tariffs and Non-Tariff Measures applied in Cocoa Trade, the Committee will receive a presentation on import tariffs applied on cocoa beans and cocoa semi-finished products by all World Trade Organization (WTO) Member countries, contained in document EC/2/3/Add.1.

6. ECONOMIC STUDIES ON SELECTED TOPICS

- Determinants of cocoa prices and income of farmers;
- Value chain analysis: costs of production and value addition from the cocoa bean to the chocolate bar;
- Study on the provision of services to farmers through farmers’ organizations and other modalities;
- Opportunities and constraints for cocoa processing in origin countries;
- Study on modalities for the establishment of a cocoa sustainability fund; and
- Optimizing and rationalizing the use of fertilizers and pesticides by cocoa farmers

The Secretariat will present possible studies on the above mentioned topics, with reference to document EC/3/3.

The Committee will receive an oral report on the outcome of the Inception Workshop of the ICCO/CABI/STDF project on “CocoaSafe: Capacity Building and Knowledge Sharing in SPS in Cocoa in South East Asia”, which took place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in November 2013.

8. **Report on the Final Workshop of the Cocoa SPS Africa Project**

Following the Workshop on Project Evaluation and Dissemination related to the Cocoa SPS Africa Project which took place in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire in December 2013, the Committee will receive a summary of the Project Completion Report related to the Cocoa SPS Africa Project, contained in document EC/3/7. The full Project Completion Report will be available to download from the ICCO website (www.icco.org).

9. **Action Proposal: Cocoa-Food Link Programme for West Africa**

The Committee will receive a presentation by GiZ on an initiative to support the cocoa sector, being developed by the European Commission and the ACP in cooperation with the ICCO, and to be implemented by GiZ.

10. **Progress Report on Projects**

The Secretariat will report on this item with reference to document EC/3/4.


The Committee will consider the recommendations issued by the Working Group set up under the Chairman of the Economics Committee to review the Organization’s work programme for 2013/2014, and will also receive a report from the Secretariat, contained in document EC/3/5, on actions required.

12. **Work Programme for the 2014/2015 Cocoa Year**

The Committee will consider the Organization’s work programme for the 2014/2015 cocoa year, with reference to document EC/3/6.

13. **Other Business**

Matters not on the agenda may be raised for consideration.

14. **Record of Decisions**

The Committee will take its record of decisions as read.