ECONOMICS COMMITTEE
Fifth meeting
Hotel Sofitel Ivoire, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 24-27 March 2015

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ANNOTATIONS TO THE DRAFT AGENDA

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The fifth meeting of the Economics Committee will be opened by its Chairman, Mr. Henk de Jong (The Netherlands).

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/5/2.

4. REPORT OF THE 22ND MEETING OF THE EXPERT WORKING GROUP ON STOCKS

The Committee will receive a report on the twenty-second meeting of the Expert Working Group on Stocks which took place on 23 January 2015 at ICCO offices in London, with reference to document EWG/S/22/2.

5. THE CHOCOLATE MARKET: DIVERSE, BUOYANT AND GROWING!

The Secretariat will make a presentation on the characteristics and development of the chocolate market in recent years.

6. CAPACITY BUILDING

The Secretariat will report on the plans underway to hold an International seminar on the Preparation and Analysis of Cocoa Development Projects which will take place in Accra, Ghana, at the kind invitation of the Government. The dates are still to be confirmed. This Seminar was originally planned to take place from 13-16 October 2014, but was postponed following the suspension by the Government of Ghana of international conferences and seminars in the country.

The Committee will also be updated on the arrangements for a Seminar on cocoa terminal markets and econometric modelling of the cocoa market, for the Asian region, which is planned for 3-7 August 2015 in Bali, at the kind invitation of the Government of Indonesia.

7. PROGRESS REPORT ON PROJECTS

The Secretariat will report on cocoa development projects supervised by the ICCO, with reference to document EC/5/3.
8. **THE COCOA MARKETING SYSTEM IN CÔTE D’IVOIRE**

The *Conseil du Café-Cacao* (CCC) will make a presentation on the results of the reform of the cocoa marketing system in Côte d’Ivoire, with a forward auction system and a minimum price paid to cocoa farmers.

9. **CONFERENCE ON THE TRENDS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF COCOA**

The Committee will review the draft programme of the one-day Conference on the Trends and Future Prospects for the Supply and Demand of cocoa, with reference to EC/5/4. The Conference is scheduled to take place in London on Tuesday, 22 September 2015, during the week of the 92nd regular session of the Council and its subsidiary bodies, including the Consultative Board on the World Cocoa Economy, which are being held from 21-25 September 2015.

10. **WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE 2014/2015 COCOA YEAR: MID-TERM IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW**

The Committee will review progress in the implementation of the Organization’s work programme for the 2014/2015 cocoa year, with reference to document EC/5/5.

11. **WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE 2015/2016 COCOA YEAR**

The Committee will consider the Organization’s work programme for the 2015/2016 cocoa year, with reference to document EC/5/6.

12. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Matters not on the agenda may be raised for consideration.

13. **RECORD OF DECISIONS**

The Committee will take its record of decisions as read.