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To: All Members and Observers

From: The Executive Director

Subject: Change to the dates of the Meetings of the Consultative Board on the World Cocoa Economy, the Expert Working Group on Food Safety, Cocoa Productivity and Quality; 28-29 May 2013, London (venue to be confirmed)

The Executive Director presents his compliments and has the honour to inform Members and Observers of a change to the programme of meetings for the current 2012/2013 cocoa year.

The meetings of the International Cocoa Council, the Administration and Finance Committee and the Economics Committee will take place, as planned, in Bali, Indonesia from **Monday, 18 March to Friday, 22 March 2013** at the generous invitation of the Government of Indonesia. This will allow sufficient time to discuss the outcome of the World Cocoa Conference and the way forward, as well as to adequately address the issue of membership of the Consultative Board on the World Cocoa Economy which could not be satisfactorily resolved at the previous Council session in September 2012.

Following consultations with the spokesmen for exporting and importing Member countries, the Vice-Chairman of the Council and the Chairman of the Groups concerned, it is proposed to hold the 27th meeting of the **Consultative Board on the World Cocoa Economy** and the second meeting of the **Expert Working Group on Food Safety, Cocoa Productivity and Quality** from **28-29 May 2013** in London (venue to be confirmed).

Members and Observers who have not already done so are also kindly reminded to submit their nominations of experts to serve on the Consultative Board on the World Cocoa Economy for the 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 cocoa years.

It is also proposed to hold the fourth meeting of the **Ad Hoc Panel on Fine/Flavour Cocoa** on **30 May 2013**, in London, subject to confirmation with the Chairman.

The September meetings of the International Cocoa Council and its subsidiary bodies will take place, as planned, from 23-27 September 2013 in London.

The Executive Director takes the opportunity to wish all Members and Observers a very Happy and Prosperous New Year in 2013.



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