To: All Members and Observers
From: The Executive Director
Subject: Provisional Timetable of Meetings, 26-28 May 2016, Barceló Bávaro Convention Centre, Bávaro, The Dominican Republic

The Executive Director presents his compliments and has the honour to inform Members and Observers of the following revised provisional timetable of meetings in May 2016 which will take place at the Barceló Bávaro Convention Centre in Bávaro, The Dominican Republic from 26-28 May 2016, following the World Cocoa Conference (WCC3), which is taking place from 22-25 May 2016 in the same meeting venue:

Sunday, 22 May -
Wednesday, 25 May
Wednesday, 25 May

Evening

Third Edition of the World Cocoa Conference (WCC3)
(see conference programme for schedule)
Cocoa Dinner

Thursday, 26 May
08.30-10.30 hrs Consultative Board on the World Cocoa Economy
10.30-11.00 hrs Cocoa Break
11.00-13.00 hrs Fine/Flavour Cocoa Forum
13.00-14.30 hrs Lunch kindly provided by the Government
14.30-16.15 hrs Fine/Flavour Cocoa Forum
16.15-16.30 hrs Cocoa Break
16.30-18.00 hrs Fine/Flavour Cocoa Forum
09.00-10.00 hrs Council
10.00-11.00 hrs Group meetings
11.00-11.15 hrs Cocoa Break
11.15-13.00 hrs Council
13.00-14.30 hrs Lunch kindly provided by the Government
14.30-15.30 hrs Selection Panel for a new Executive Director
15.30-15.45 hrs Cocoa Break
15.45-18.00 hrs Economics Committee
Friday, 27 May
08.30-10.30 hrs Administration and Finance Committee*
10.30-10.45 hrs Cocoa break
10.45-12.00 hrs Group meetings
12.00 -13.00 hrs Administration and Finance Committee*
13.00-15.00 hrs Lunch kindly provided by the Government
15.00-16.30 hrs Administration and Finance Committee*
16.30-16.45 hrs Cocoa break
16.45-18.00 hrs Group meetings

Saturday, 28 May
09.00-10.45 hrs Council
10.45-11.00 hrs Cocoa Break
11.00-13.00 hrs Group meetings
13.00-14.30 hrs Lunch kindly provided by the Government
14.30-16.00 hrs Council
16.00-16.30 hrs Press Conference
16.00-16.30 hrs Cocoa Break
16.15-18.00 hrs Council

The attention of Members and Observers is drawn to Rule 3 of the Organization’s Administrative Rules contained in document AF/2/2/Rev.1, which requires the credentials of Representatives, Alternate Representatives and advisers to be submitted in writing to the Executive Director before the opening of a session. Credentials should be submitted to the Secretariat by Friday, 6 May 2016.

Members are urged to arrive by the time scheduled in order to comply with the requirements of Article 15 of the 2010 Agreement and Rules 12 and 38 of the Organization’s Administrative Rules, relating to the quorum for Council meetings.

The revised draft annotated agendas for the meetings of the Council, Administration and Finance Committee, Economics Committee and Consultative Board on the World Cocoa Economy are enclosed.

More detailed information on the logistical arrangements for the meetings in Bávaro is provided in document ED(MEM) 1001.

3 May 2016

* = It is respectfully noted that the meetings of the Administration and Finance Committee are open to ICCO Member countries only.
ANNEX

MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENT USE OF DAYS ALLOCATED FOR ICCO MEETINGS

1. All meetings will start and finish promptly at the time scheduled for them.

2. Delegations and Chairmen who, by their absence or their lack of punctuality, cause a meeting to be delayed will be mentioned in the meeting's report.

3. The bell will be rung at the time scheduled for the meeting, and the officers on the rostrum (Chairman, Executive Director and Secretariat members) are expected to be in place so that the Chairman can open the meeting within a few minutes subject to the quorum requirements under Rule 12 of the Administrative Rules contained in document AF/2/2/Rev.1. If the Chairman is not present in the meeting room at the start of a meeting, the Vice-Chairman will take the chair and preside over the meeting until its conclusion.

4. The Chairman will from time to time remind participants of the time and urge them to keep their statements as short as possible and to the point. The Chairman reserves the right to interrupt statements which are too long or irrelevant, in accordance with Rule 16 of the Administrative Rules, "Time-limit on speeches". Chairmen's interventions and summaries will also be as brief as possible. A

5. At the end of each meeting, the Chairman will announce the starting and finishing times of the next meeting or the programme of meetings for the next day, including the precise time allocated to each meeting.

Group Meetings

6. Group meetings should be run strictly in the time scheduled for them in order to avoid delaying other meetings and having other delegates waiting around.

7. When a group meeting cannot finish on time, the Chairman will adjourn it and make a progress report to the Council, as appropriate. If necessary another time will be allocated for the group to reconvene and complete its work.

8. Ten minutes before the scheduled finishing time of a meeting, the Chairman will be prompted by a note from the Secretariat. The Chairman will announce the time to the participants and firmly prepare to bring the meeting to an end at its scheduled time.

9. If a group meeting continues beyond the time allocated to it, the Chairman of the group and the Chief Interpreter will consult with a view to winding up the meeting in a prompt and orderly manner.

The present measures will be printed and distributed at every ICCO meeting.