EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
One hundred and forty-first meeting
Yaoundé, Cameroon, 24-26 March 2010

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Distribution of votes
4. Payment of contributions to administrative budgets
5. Statement of income and expenditure and review of the financial situation in the current budget year
6. The Special Reserve Fund and other provisions
7. Review of the Provident Fund for Staff in the Professional and Higher Categories
8. Draft Administrative Budget for the 2010/2011 financial year
9. Status Report on Pesticide Residues on Cocoa Beans; on Ochratoxin “A” in Cocoa; on Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH) in Food Products, including Cocoa; and on the Issue of Heavy Metals in Cocoa
10. International Workshop on the Safe Use of Pesticides in Cocoa and Harmonized Legislation for Food Safety
11. Capacity Building Programme on Pesticide Residues and Other Harmful Substances in Cocoa in Africa
12. Integrated Management of Cocoa Pests and Pathogens in Africa
13. Evaluation of the Implementation and Results of the Total Quality Project in Côte d'Ivoire
14. Termination of the Project on the Analysis of the Value Chain in Cocoa Producing Countries
15. Progress Report on Projects
16. Report on official travel
17. Revised Salary Scales for Staff in the Professional and Higher Categories

18. Other business

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ANNOTATIONS TO THE DRAFT AGENDA

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The one hundred and forty-first meeting of the Executive Committee will be opened by its Chairman, Mr. Tony Fofie (Ghana).

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

3. DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES

The Secretariat will submit document EX/141/2, showing the distribution of votes and statement of voting rights in the Executive Committee.

4. PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGETS

The Secretariat will submit document EX/141/3, showing the up-to-date situation related to the payment of contributions to the administrative budgets for the current and previous financial years.

5. STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AND REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL SITUATION IN THE CURRENT BUDGET YEAR

The Secretariat will submit document EX/141/4, showing administrative expenditure and income for the first four months of the 2009/2010 budget year.

6. THE SPECIAL RESERVE FUND AND OTHER PROVISIONS

The Secretariat will submit document EX/141/5, containing preliminary estimates of the situation regarding the Special Reserve Fund and other provisions, as per 31 January 2010.

7. REVIEW OF THE PROVIDENT FUND FOR STAFF IN THE PROFESSIONAL AND HIGHER CATEGORIES

As agreed at the 80th regular session of the Council in September 2009, the Executive Director will present an alternative method of calculating contributions to the Provident Fund, contained in document EX/141/6, based on the system applied by the International Sugar Organization.

The Executive Committee will make a recommendation to the Council on the matter.

8. DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR THE 2010/2011 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Executive Committee will review the draft Administrative Budget for the 2010/2011 financial year with reference to document EX/141/7, for recommendation to the Council.
9. **STATUS REPORT ON PESTICIDE RESIDUES ON COCOA BEANS; ON OCHRATOXIN “A” IN COCOA; ON POLYCYCLIC AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS (PAH) IN FOOD PRODUCTS, INCLUDING COCOA; AND ON THE ISSUE OF HEAVY METALS IN COCOA**

This item was originally tabled on the agenda of the 20th meeting of the Expert Working Group on Quality, which did not meet in January 2009 as a result of the extended special Council session at that time.

The Executive Committee will review a Status Report on Pesticide Residues on Cocoa Beans; on Ochratoxin “A” in Cocoa; on Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH) in Food Products, including Cocoa; and on the Issue of Heavy Metals in Cocoa, and make a recommendation, as appropriate. CAOBISCO/ECA will draft an updated report, contained in document EX/141/8.

10. **INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE SAFE USE OF PESTICIDES IN COCOA AND HARMONIZED LEGISLATION FOR FOOD SAFETY**

The Executive Committee will review progress in preparations for an international Workshop on the safe use of pesticides in cocoa, which will take place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia at the kind invitation of the Malaysian Government and the Malaysian Cocoa Board.

The Chairman of the Working Group for the Workshop, Dr. Azhar, Managing-Director of the Malaysian Cocoa Board, will make a presentation on recent progress in the preparations for the workshop.

11. **CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME ON PESTICIDE RESIDUES AND OTHER HARMFUL SUBSTANCES IN COCOA IN AFRICA**

The Secretariat will present a draft project proposal on a Capacity Building Programme on Pesticide Residues and other Harmful Substances in Cocoa in Africa, contained in document EX/141/9, for consideration and approval by the Committee for submission to the STDF/WTO.

12. **INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF COCOA PESTS AND PATHOGENS IN AFRICA**

The Secretariat will present a draft project proposal, contained in document EX/141/10, for review and approval by the Committee for submission to the Common Fund for Commodities.

13. **EVALUATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION AND RESULTS OF THE TOTAL QUALITY PROJECT IN CÔTE D’IVOIRE**

The Executive Director will present a comprehensive report on an evaluation of the implementation, experiences, results and lessons to be learned from the Total Quality project in Côte d’Ivoire, with reference to document EX/141/11.

14. **TERMINATION OF THE PROJECT ON THE ANALYSIS OF THE VALUE CHAIN IN COCOA PRODUCING COUNTRIES**

The Secretariat will make an oral presentation on this topic.
15. **PROGRESS REPORT ON PROJECTS**

The Secretariat will report on this item with reference to document EX/141/12.

16. **REVISED SALARY SCALES FOR STAFF IN THE PROFESSIONAL AND HIGHER CATEGORIES**

The Secretariat will report with reference to document EX/141/13.

17. **REPORT ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL**

The Executive Director will report orally on this item.

18. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Matters not on the agenda may be raised for consideration.

19. **RECORD OF DECISIONS**

The record of decisions may be read out in accordance with Rule 54 of the Organization’s Administrative Rules.