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**PRE-MEETING OF THE AD HOC PANEL
ON THE REVIEW OF ANNEX C OF THE ICA, 2010**

Hotel Courtyard by Marriott, Guayaquil, Ecuador
28 – 30 November 2018, 09.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. The Pre-meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Panel on Fine or Flavour Cocoa (FFP) on the review of Annex C of the International Cocoa Agreement (ICA), 2010 was held in Guayaquil, Ecuador from 28 - 30 November. The meeting was opened by its Chairman, Mr. Ed Seguine of *Seguine Cacao Cocoa & Chocolate Advisors*, USA.
2. Mr. Luis Rueda Dahik, Head of Cocoa and Coffee Programme at the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, representing HE Mrs. Alexandra Peralta, Vice-Minister, welcomed all participants to the meeting, on behalf of the Government of Ecuador.
3. In his introductory remarks, the Executive Director-Elect, Mr. Michel Arrion thanked the Government of Ecuador for hosting the meeting, and for their hospitality. He noted that more than ever, efforts within the world cocoa economy are made to improve quality, and further stressed that the growing interest in the production of Fine or Flavour cocoa demonstrates the significance of the quality issue for both producers and consumers. He concluded by highlighting the importance of this pre-meeting and wished the Panel successful deliberations.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

4. The draft agenda contained in document FFP/6/1 was adopted.

PRESENTATION BY STAKEHOLDERS IN THE COCOA SECTOR IN ECUADOR

5. Three key stakeholders from Ecuador made presentations on the state of the Ecuadorian cocoa sector: Mr. Francisco Miranda, President of ANECACAO, Mrs. Johanna Reckens, Strategic Alliance Officer from RIKOLTO and Mr. Andrea Cianferoni from CEFA (Comité Europeo para la Formación Agrícola).

OVERVIEW OF THE SUBMISSION OF PRE-DOSSIERS

6. The ICCO Secretariat reported that overall, 21 pre-dossiers had been submitted by cocoa producing countries and circulated accordingly among all members of the Panel.
7. It was specified that out of the 23 countries listed in the Annex C of the ICA, 2010 revised in September 2015, only 18 countries had submitted pre-dossiers for consideration by the Panel.
8. In that regard, the Chairman of the *Ad Hoc* Panel expressed his appreciation for all the countries who provided the requested information. Nevertheless, the consensus emerging from the Panel was that in most cases, the requested information in the economic section of the dossier had not been filled as expected.

NOMINATION OF A SPOKESPERSON FOR EACH COUNTRY SUBMITTING A PRE-DOSSIER AND IN ATTENDANCE

9. Following the request of the Chairman of the *Ad Hoc* Panel, all the countries which had submitted a pre-dossier and were represented at the meeting, nominated a spokesperson to provide clarification on the country pre-dossier.

OVERVIEW OF THE RATIONALE FOR THE NEW MODUS OPERANDI TO ASSESS COUNTRIES' MEMBERSHIP OF ANNEX C OF THE ICA, 2010

10. The Chairman of the *Ad Hoc* Panel provided a general overview of the current *modus operandi* of the FFP, pointing out its shortcomings and recalling its earlier recommendations made to the International Cocoa Council in September 2015.

11. He recalled the mandate of the group of experts, which was to review the current *modus operandi* of the FFP and to harmonize the format of the country dossiers to be submitted. He further stressed that by doing so, the credibility and the work of the FFP would be strengthened.

PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF EACH COUNTRY PRE-DOSSIER TO ASSESS COMPLIANCE WITH THE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

12. The Panel reviewed each country pre-dossier by assessing the level of provision and accuracy of the technical information provided. On some occasions and whenever necessary, countries provided the Panel with relevant clarifications.

PRESENTATION ON UNIT EXPORT AND IMPORT VALUES OF COCOA BEANS

13. The *Ad Hoc* Panel received a presentation by Dr. Michele Nardella, Director of the Economics and Statistics Division at the ICCO Secretariat. The presentation on unit export and import values of cocoa beans aimed at guiding the Panel in the assessment of the production and export of cocoa beans by cocoa producing countries.

DETAILED REVIEW OF EACH COUNTRY PRE-DOSSIER

14. The Panel reviewed each country pre-dossier by using the technical requirements to determine the corresponding percentage of export of fine or flavour cocoa beans.

REVIEW AND REVISION OF THE DOCUMENT ON "REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION DOSSIERS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE FINE OR FLAVOUR PANEL"

15. Following extensive discussions, the Panel considered the results of the assessment of the pre-dossiers in order to revise and update the document on "Requirements for the submission of Technical Information Dossiers for Consideration of the Fine or Flavour Panel", and it was agreed to adopt the proposed amendments.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE MEETING OF THE AD HOC PANEL IN APRIL 2019

16. In order to present their case at the meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Panel to be held in April 2019, the Panel agreed on the following requirements to be met by each country having submitted a pre-dossier:

- To complete the revised technical information dossier and submit it by a date that would be duly communicated by the ICCO Secretariat
- As agreed in Berlin, Germany and reiterated in Guayaquil, Ecuador, it is compulsory for each country to be represented at the meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Panel and to submit their dossier in English only

OTHER BUSINESS

17. There were no items of other business.

DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING

18. The participants agreed to adopt the following agenda:

- April 2019: Final assessment of the country dossiers by the *Ad Hoc* Panel, with the date and venue of the meeting to be confirmed. It was however agreed that this would take place alongside the regular meetings of the ICCO Council and subsidiary bodies.

CLOSING REMARKS

19. The meeting was closed by the Minister of Agriculture and Livestock of Ecuador, HE. Mr. Xavier Lazo. In his closing remarks, on behalf of the President and the Government of Ecuador he thanked the ICCO for choosing Ecuador to host the pre-meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Panel on the review of Annex C of the ICA, 2010. Furthermore, ahead of the meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Panel on Fine or Flavour cocoa in April 2019, he expressed the wish that the conclusions from this pre-meeting in Guayaquil would be of great help for the upcoming meeting.

ANNEX

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

A. MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC PANEL

Chairman

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| 1. | Mr. Edward S. Seguine | Seguine Cacao Cocoa & Chocolate Advisors, United States of America |
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Members

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| 2. | Mr. Pierre Costet | Valhrona, France |
| 3. | Mr. Francisco Gomez | Casa Luker, Colombia |
| 4. | Dr. Darin Sukha | Cocoa Research Unit, Trinidad and Tobago |
| 5. | Mr. Stephen Yaw Opoku | Cocoa Research Institute, Ghana |
| 6. | Dr. Christina Rohsius | Rausch Schokoladen, Germany |
| 7. | Mr. Freddy Amores | Independent, Ecuador |

B. EXPERTS FROM INTERESTED COUNTRIES

Cameroon

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| 8. | Mr. Nengue Samuel | General Director, FODECC |
| 9. | Dr. Olinga Narcisse | Director of External Trade, Ministry of Trade |
| 10. | Mrs. Michèle Akamba Ava | Deputy Director, NCCB |
| 11. | Mr. Alain Pierre Binam | Program Manager, CICC |

Colombia

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| 12. | Mr. Federico Gomez | Innovation Director, CasaLuker, Colombia |
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Ecuador

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| 13. | Mr. Luis Rueda Dahik | Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería |
| 14. | Mrs. Karina Fernanda Ortíz | Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería |
| 15. | Mrs. Alejandra Calderón | Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería |
| 16. | Mr. Jorge Ordóñez | Ministerio de Producción, Comercio Exterior e Inversiones |
| 17. | Ms. Leticia Baquerizo | Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Movilidad Humana |
| 18. | Mr. Rommel Betancourt | Agrocalidad |
| 19. | Mrs. Yesenia Echeverria | Agrocalidad |
| 20. | Dr. Rey Gastón Loor | INIAP |
| 21. | Dr. Manuel Carrillo | INIAP |

Dominican Republic

22. Mr. José Antonio Martínez in charge of International Relations, National Cocoa Commission
23. Mr. Idelfonso Medina Director of the Cocoa Department, Ministry of Agriculture
24. Ms. Kisha Rodriguez Member, National Cocoa Commission

Peru

25. Mr. Carlos Dias Vargas PNUD
26. Mr. Jose Gamarra Peruvian Cocoa Alliance

Trinidad and Tobago

27. Mr. Leon Granger CEO, CDCTTL
28. Mr. Winston R. Rudder Chairman, CDCTTL

C. *ICCO SECRETARIAT*

1. Mr. Michel Arrion Executive Director- Elect
2. Dr. Michele Nardella Director of the Economics and Statistics Division
3. Mr. Yunusa Abubakar Project Manager
4. Mr. Esteban Tinoco Economist
5. Mr. Eugène Nogo Research and Support Officer