INTERNATIONAL COCOA COUNCIL
Ninety-seventh regular session
Maritim Hotel Berlin, Berlin, Germany, 26-28 April 2018

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ANNOTATIONS TO THE DRAFT AGENDA

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

The ninety-seventh regular session of the Council will be opened by its Chairman, Mrs. Julie Brayer-Mankor (France).

2. REPORT ON CREDENTIALS

The Secretariat will report on the credentials received for the current session of the Council. This report will be circulated as document ICC/97/2.

3. ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS

In accordance with Article 14 of the International Cocoa Agreement, 2010, the Council may wish to admit Observers to its 97th regular session and to the eleventh meeting of the Economics Committee.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

5. APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF THE 96TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COCOA COUNCIL

The Council will be asked to approve the report of its 96th regular session which took place in Abidjan in September 2017, contained in document ICC/REP/96.

6. MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTERNATIONAL COCOA ORGANIZATION

The Secretariat will report on the status of membership of the International Cocoa Organization, with reference to document ICC/97/3.

7. DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES

The Secretariat will submit document ICC/97/4 showing the distribution of votes and statement of voting rights in the Council.

8. SELECTION OF A NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE ORGANIZATION

The Council will receive a report from the Co-Chairs of the Selection Panel on the appointment of a new Executive Director for the Organization.

Subsequently, the three shortlisted candidates will each be invited to make a statement to the Council on their vision for the Organization and the world cocoa economy. This will be followed by a session of questions and answers. At the end of the process, the Council will elect the new Executive Director in accordance with the provisions of the International Cocoa Agreement, 2010 and of the Revised Administrative Rules of the International Cocoa Organization.
A resolution recording this decision by the Council will be submitted for adoption by Member countries.

9. **RECOMMENDATION ON THE REVIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL COCOA AGREEMENT, 2010**

The Council will receive a report from the Chairman of the Administration and Finance Committee, including the Committee’s recommendation, on the renegotiation of the International Cocoa Agreement, 2010.

10. **REPORT ON THE PRELIMINARY MEETING OF THE AD HOC PANEL ON ANNEX C OF THE INTERNATIONAL COCOA AGREEMENT, 2010**

The Council will receive a report from the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Panel on Annex C of the International Cocoa Agreement, 2010 as contained in document FFP/REP/5.

11. **REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSULTATIVE BOARD ON THE WORLD COCOA ECONOMY**

The Council will receive a report from the Chairman of the Consultative Board on the World Cocoa Economy on the Board’s thirty-sixth meeting.

12. **REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Council will receive a report from the Chairman of the Administration and Finance Committee on the Committee’s thirteenth meeting.

13. **REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ECONOMICS COMMITTEE**

The Council will receive a report from the Chairman of the Economics Committee on the Committee’s eleventh meeting.


In accordance with Article 26 of the International Cocoa Agreement, 2010, the Council shall elect an independent Auditor for the 2017/2018 cocoa year.

15. **REPORT ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL**

The Executive Director will report orally on this item.

16. **PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

The Executive Director will present conference room paper ICC/97/CRP.1.

17. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Matters not on the agenda may be raised for consideration.

18. **DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Council will agree on the date and place of its next meeting.
19. **Record of Decisions**

The Council will adopt its record of decisions for the meeting.