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Draft resolution

Background

At the Briefing Meeting held in preparation for the 136th Session of the International Coffee Council, a Member proposed a draft resolution to extend:

- the deadline for signature of the International Coffee Agreement 2022; and
- the deadline for ratification, acceptance or approval of the International Coffee Agreement 2022.

Action

Members are invited to consider the attached draft resolution.

**Extension of the deadline for signature and ratification, acceptance or approval of the
International Coffee Agreement 2022 (ICA 2022)**

WHEREAS:

The International Coffee Council approved the ICA 2022 by way of Resolution 476 on 9 June 2022;

Sufficient time is needed for countries to complete the procedures for the entry into force of the ICA 2022;

Paragraph (1) of Article 44 of the ICA 2022 stipulates that, except as otherwise provided, the ICA 2022 shall be open for signature at the Depository headquarters from 6 October 2022 until and including 30 April 2023;

Paragraph (3) of Article 44 of the ICA 2022 provides that the International Coffee Council may decide to grant extensions of time to signatory Governments that are unable to deposit their instruments by 31 July 2023;

Under the terms of ICC Resolution 479 the period for the signature of the ICA 2022 is extended to 30 April 2024, and the period for the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval of the same is extended to 31 July 2024.

A number of Governments which are eligible to sign the ICA 2022 pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (1) of Article 44 thereof may not be able to do so by 30 April 2024, but have indicated that they wish to become signatory Governments thereto; and

The International Coffee Council deems it desirable to enable the Governments concerned to sign the ICA 2022 in order to enhance the prospects for its definitive or provisional entry into force,

THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE COUNCIL

RESOLVES:

To allow Governments eligible to sign the ICA 2022 to do so on or before 30 April 2025, as per the provisions of paragraph (1) of Article 44 thereof; and

To extend the period for the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval of the ICA 2022 with the Depository under the provisions of Article 44 thereof from 31 July 2024 to 31 July 2025.