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Preamble

The Governments Parties to this Agreement,

Recognizing the exceptional importance of coffee to the economies of many countries which are largely dependent upon this commodity for their export earnings and thus for the continuation of their development programmes in the social and economic fields;

Considering that close international co-operation on coffee marketing will stimulate the economic diversification and development of coffee-producing countries and thus contribute to a strengthening of the political and economic bonds between producers and consumers;

[1] In accordance with article 64, paragraphs (1) and (2), the Agreement came into force provisionally on 1 July 1963, the date by which governments representing twenty-six exporting countries having 89.5 per cent of total exports in the year 1961, as specified in Annex D, and governments representing twelve importing countries having 81.5 per cent of world imports in the same year, as specified in the same Annex, had deposited their instruments of ratification or had made a notification under paragraph (2) of article 64. Following is a list of twenty-six exporting countries and twelve importing countries which deposited their instruments of ratification (R) or made notifications under paragraph (2) of article 64, showing the dates of deposit of the instruments or of the receipt of notifications.

	Date of deposit of instrument of ratification (R) or receipt of notification under article 64 (2)
Exporting countries	
Brazil	17 October 1962
Burundi	4 December 1962 (R)
Cameroon	24 May 1963 (R)
Central African Republic	23 April 1963
Colombia	24 May 1963 (R)
Cuba	1 February 1963
Dominican Republic	8 May 1963 (R)
Ecuador	1 April 1963
El Salvador	17 May 1963 (R)
Gabon	14 November 1962 (R)
Guatemala	5 June 1963 (R)
Indonesia	8 February 1963
Ivory Coast	6 May 1963 (R)
Madagascar	29 January 1963
Mexico	26 November 1962
Nicaragua	26 June 1963
Nigeria	21 June 1963 (R)
Panama	4 June 1963 (R)
Peru	4 April 1963 (R)
Portugal	8 April 1963
Rwanda	10 December 1962 (R)
Sierra Leone	7 February 1963
Tanganyika	27 November 1962 (R)
Trinidad and Tobago	30 November 1962
Uganda	16 April 1963 (R)
Venezuela	29 January 1963
Importing countries	
Argentina	15 May 1963
Australia	3 April 1963
Belgium	8 April 1963
Canada	20 November 1962 (R)
Denmark	21 May 1963
France	4 April 1963 (R)
Italy	28 September 1962
Japan	10 May 1963
Netherlands	17 May 1963
Sweden	1 July 1963 (R)
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	25 April 1963 (R)
United States of America	24 June 1963

Finding reason to expect a tendency toward persistent disequilibrium between production and consumption, accumulation of burdensome stocks, and pronounced fluctuations in prices, which can be harmful both to producers and to consumers; and

Believing that, in the absence of international measures, this situation cannot be corrected by normal market forces,

Have agreed as follows :

CHAPTER I

OBJECTIVES

Article 1

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The objectives of the Agreement are :

(1) to achieve a reasonable balance between supply and demand on a basis which will assure adequate supplies of coffee to consumers and markets for coffee to producers at equitable prices, and which will bring about long-term equilibrium between production and consumption;

(2) to alleviate the serious hardship caused by burdensome surpluses and excessive fluctuations in the prices of coffee to the detriment of the interests of both producers and consumers;

(3) to contribute to the development of productive resources and to the promotion and maintenance of employment and income in the Member countries, thereby helping to bring about fair wages, higher living standards, and better working conditions;

(4) to assist in increasing the purchasing power of coffee-exporting countries by keeping prices at equitable levels and by increasing consumption;

(5) to encourage the consumption of coffee by every possible means; and

(6) in general, in recognition of the relationship of the trade in coffee to the economic stability of markets for industrial products, to further international co-operation in connexion with world coffee problems.

CHAPTER II

DEFINITIONS

Article 2

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For the purposes of the Agreement :

(1) " Coffee " means the beans and berries of the coffee tree, whether parchment, green or roasted, and includes ground, decaffeinated, liquid and soluble coffee. These terms shall have the following meaning:

(*a*) " green coffee " means all coffee in the naked bean form before roasting;

(*b*) " coffee berries " means the complete fruit of the coffee tree; to find the equivalent of coffee berries to green coffee, multiply the net weight of the dried coffee berries by 0.50;

(*c*) " parchment coffee " means the green coffee bean contained in the parchment skin; to find the equivalent of parchment coffee to green coffee, multiply the net weight of the parchment coffee by 0.80;

(*d*) " roasted coffee " means green coffee roasted to any degree and includes ground coffee; to find the equivalent of roasted coffee to green coffee, multiply the net weight of roasted coffee by 1.19;

(*e*) " decaffeinated coffee " means green, roasted or soluble coffee from which caffein has been extracted; to find the equivalent of decaffeinated coffee to green coffee, multiply the net weight of the decaffeinated coffee in green, roasted or soluble form by 1.00, 1.19 or 3.00, respectively;

(*f*) " liquid coffee " means the water-soluble solids derived from roasted coffee and put into liquid form; to find the equivalent of liquid to green coffee, multiply the net weight of the dried coffee solids contained in the liquid coffee by 3.00;

(*g*) " soluble coffee " means the dried water-soluble solids derived from roasted coffee; to find the equivalent of soluble coffee to green coffee, multiply the net weight of the soluble coffee by 3.00.

(2) " Bag " means 60 kilogrammes or 132.276 pounds of green coffee; " ton " means a metric ton of 1,000 kilogrammes or 2,204.6 pounds; and " pound " means 453.597 grammes.

(3) " Coffee year " means the period of one year, from 1 October through 30 September; and " first coffee year " means the coffee year beginning 1 October 1962.

(4) " Export of coffee " means, except as otherwise provided in Article 38, any shipment of coffee which leaves the territory of the country where the coffee was grown.

(5) " Organization ", " Council " and " Board " mean, respectively, the International Coffee Organization, the International Coffee Council, and the Executive Board established under Article 7 of the Agreement.

(6) " Member " means a Contracting Party; a dependent territory or territories in respect of which separate Membership has been declared under Article 4; or two or more Contracting Parties or dependent territories, or both, which participate in the Organization as a Member group under Article 5 or 6.

(7) " Exporting Member " or " exporting country " means a Member or country, respectively, which is a net exporter of coffee; that is, whose exports exceed its imports.

(8) " Importing Member " or " importing country " means a Member or country, respectively, which is a net importer of coffee; that is, whose imports exceed its exports.

(9) " Producing Member " or " producing country " means a Member or country, respectively, which grows coffee in commercially significant quantities.

(10) " Distributed simple majority vote " means a majority of the votes cast by exporting Members present and voting, and a majority of the votes cast by importing Members present and voting, counted separately.

(11) " Distributed two-thirds majority vote " means a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by exporting Members present and voting and a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by importing Members present and voting, counted separately.

(12) " Entry into force " means, except where the context otherwise requires, the date on which the Agreement first enters into force, whether provisionally or definitively.

CHAPTER III

MEMBERSHIP

Article 3

MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORGANIZATION

Each Contracting Party, together with those of its dependent territories to which the Agreement is extended under paragraph (1) of Article 67, shall constitute a single Member of the Organization, except as otherwise provided under Article 4, 5 or 6.

Article 4

SEPARATE MEMBERSHIP IN RESPECT OF DEPENDENT TERRITORIES

Any Contracting Party which is a net importer of coffee may, at any time, by appropriate notification in accordance with paragraph (2) of Article 67, declare that it is participating in the Organization separately with respect to any of its dependent territories which are net exporters of coffee and which it designates. In such case, the metropolitan territory and its non-designated dependent territories will have a single Membership, and its designated dependent territories, either individually or collectively as the notification indicates, will have separate Membership.