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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION (EU) authorising the opening of negotiations to amend the International Coffee Agreement 2007

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2021/...

of...

**authorising the opening of negotiations
to amend the International Coffee Agreement 2007**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 207(4), first subparagraph, in conjunction with Article 218(3) and (4) thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Union is a Contracting Party to the International Coffee Agreement 2007 ('the Agreement') and a member of the International Coffee Organization ('ICO'). The Agreement was concluded by the Union by Council Decision 2008/579/EC¹ and entered into force on 2 February 2011.
- (2) Under Article 9 of the Agreement, the International Coffee Council ('ICC') is the responsible body for the performance of all functions necessary to carry out the provisions of the Agreement as the highest authority of the ICO.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 49 of the Agreement, the ICC may propose an amendment to the Agreement to be decided by the Members of the ICO. Article 14 of the Agreement stipulates that, in principle, all decisions of the ICC are to be taken by consensus.

¹ Council Decision 2008/579/EC of 16 June 2008 on the signing and conclusion on behalf of the European Community of the International Coffee Agreement 2007 (OJ L 186, 15.7.2008, p. 12).

- (4) At the request of the ICC, a working group on the revision of the Agreement has been established. That working group identified the governance of the ICO, the voting and contribution system and the participation of the private sector and civil society in the work of the ICO as the three main issues for a partial review of the Agreement. In that respect, the working group is drafting proposals for amendments to the Agreement for adoption by the ICC.
- (5) It is in the interest of the Union to reform the Agreement in order to align it with the practices the Union fosters in other international commodity boards, as well as with developments in the global coffee market since 2007.
- (6) It is therefore appropriate that the Commission be authorised to engage in negotiations for the partial review of the Agreement,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The Commission is hereby authorised to open negotiations, on behalf of the Union, for amendments to the International Coffee Agreement 2007.
2. The negotiations shall be conducted on the basis of the negotiating directives of the Council set out in the addendum to this Decision.

Article 2

The negotiations shall be conducted in consultation with the Working Party on Commodities.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Commission.

Done at ...,

For the Council

The President
