CHAPTER VI – THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE COUNCIL

ARTICLE 9
Composition of the International Coffee Council

(1) The Council shall consist of all the Members of the Organization.

(2) Each Member shall appoint one representative on the Council and, if it so desires, one or more alternates. A Member may also designate one or more advisers to its representative or alternates.

ARTICLE 10
Powers and functions of the Council

(1) All powers specifically conferred by this Agreement shall be vested in the Council, which shall perform the functions necessary to carry out the provisions of this Agreement.

(2) The Council may establish and dissolve Committees and subsidiary bodies, as appropriate, other than those provided for in paragraph (3) of Article 7.

(3) The Council shall establish such rules and regulations, including its own rules of procedure and the financial and staff regulations of the Organization, as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this Agreement and are consistent therewith. The Council may, in its rules of procedure, provide the means whereby it may, without meeting, decide specific questions.

(4) The Council shall establish on a regular basis a strategic action plan to guide its work and identify priorities, including those relating to project activities undertaken pursuant to Article 33 and studies, surveys and reports undertaken pursuant to Article 32. Priorities identified in the action plan shall be reflected in the programme of activities and Administrative Budget approved by the Council.

(5) The Council shall also keep such records as are required to perform its functions under this Agreement and such other records as it considers desirable.

ARTICLE 11
Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council

(1) The Council shall elect, for each coffee year, a Chair and a Vice-Chair who shall not be paid by the Organization.

(2) The Chair shall be elected either from among the representatives of exporting Members or from among the representatives of importing Members and the Vice-Chair shall be elected from among representatives of the other category of Member. These offices shall alternate each coffee year between the two categories of Member.

(3) Neither the Chair nor the Vice-Chair acting as Chair shall have the right to vote. His or her alternate will in such case exercise the voting rights of the Member.

ARTICLE 12
Sessions of the Council

(1) The Council shall hold two regular sessions a year and special sessions should it so decide. It may hold special sessions at the request of any 10 Members. Notice of sessions shall be given at least 30 days in advance except in cases of emergency when such notice shall be given at least 10 days in advance.

(2) Sessions shall be held at the seat of the Organization, unless the Council decides otherwise. If a Member invites the Council to meet in its territory, and the Council agrees, the additional costs to the Organization involved above those incurred when the session is held at the seat of the Organization shall be borne by that Member.

(3) The Council may invite any non-member country or any of the organizations referred to in Articles 16 and 17 to attend any of its sessions as an observer. At each session, the Council shall decide on the admission of observers.

(4) The quorum required for a Council session to take decisions shall be the presence of more than half of the number of exporting and importing Members representing respectively at least two-thirds of the votes for each category. If on the opening of a Council session or of any plenary meeting there is no quorum, the Chair shall postpone the opening of the session or plenary meeting for at least two hours. If there is still no quorum at the new time set, the Chair may again postpone the opening of the session or plenary meeting for at least a further two hours. If at the end of this new postponement there is still no quorum, the matter on which decisions are required shall be deferred to the next session of the Council.