CHAPTER XI – THE PRIVATE COFFEE SECTOR

ARTICLE 29
The Private Sector Consultative Board

(1) The Private Sector Consultative Board (hereinafter referred to as the PSCB) shall be a consultative body which may make recommendations on any consultations made by the Council and may invite the Council to give consideration to matters related to this Agreement.

(2) The PSCB shall consist of eight representatives of the private sector in exporting countries and eight representatives of the private sector in importing countries.

(3) The PSCB members shall be representatives of associations or bodies designated by the Council every two coffee years, and may be re-appointed. The Council in so doing shall endeavour to designate:

(a) two private sector coffee associations or bodies from exporting countries or regions representing each of the four groups of coffee, preferably representing both growers and exporters, together with one or more alternates for each representative; and

(b) eight private sector coffee associations or bodies from importing countries, whether Members or non-members, preferably representing both importers and roasters, together with one or more alternates for each representative.

(4) Each member of the PSCB may designate one or more advisers.

(5) The PSCB shall have a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman elected from among its members, for a period of one year. These officers may be re-elected. The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman shall not be paid by the Organization. The Chairman shall be invited to participate in meetings of the Council as an observer.

(6) The PSCB shall normally meet at the seat of the Organization, during regular sessions of the Council. In case of acceptance by the Council of an invitation by a Member to hold a meeting in its territory, the PSCB shall also meet in that territory, in which case the additional costs to the Organization involved above those incurred when the meeting is held at the seat of the Organization shall be borne by the country or private sector organization hosting the meeting.

(7) The PSCB may hold special meetings subject to approval by the Council.

(8) The PSCB shall submit regular reports to the Council.

(9) The PSCB shall establish its own rules of procedure, consistent with the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 30
The World Coffee Conference

(1) The Council shall make arrangements to hold, at appropriate intervals, a World Coffee Conference (hereinafter referred to as the Conference), which shall be composed of exporting and importing Members, private sector representatives, and other interested participants, including participants from non-member countries. The Council, in coordination with the Chairman of the Conference, shall ensure that the Conference contributes to furthering the objectives of this Agreement.

(2) The Conference shall have a Chairman who shall not be paid by the Organization. The Chairman shall be appointed by the Council for an appropriate period, and shall be invited to participate in meetings of the Council as an observer.

(3) The Council shall decide on the form, title, subject matter and timing of the Conference, in consultation with the Private Sector Consultative Board. The Conference shall be held normally at the seat of the Organization, during a session of the Council. If the Council decides to accept an invitation by a Member to hold a session in its territory, the Conference may also be held in that territory, in which case 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 the country hosting the session.

(4) Unless the Council decides otherwise, the Conference shall be self-financing.

(5) The Chairman shall report to the Council on the conclusions of the Conference.

ARTICLE 31
The Consultative Forum on Coffee Sector Finance

(1) The Council shall convene, at appropriate intervals and in cooperation with other relevant organizations, a Consultative Forum on Coffee Sector Finance (hereinafter referred to as the Forum) to facilitate consultations on topics related to finance and risk management in the coffee sector, with a particular emphasis on the needs of small- and medium-scale producers and local communities in coffee producing areas.

(2) The Forum shall include representatives of Members, intergovernmental organizations, financial institutions, the private sector, non-governmental organizations, interested non-member countries and others with relevant expertise. Unless the Council decides otherwise, the Forum shall be self-financing.