CHAPTER V – THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION

ARTICLE 7
Seat and structure of the International Coffee Organization

(1) The International Coffee Organization established under the International Coffee Agreement 1962 shall continue in being to administer the provisions and supervise the operation of this Agreement.

(2) The seat of the Organization shall be in London, United Kingdom, unless the Council decides otherwise.

(3) The highest authority of the Organization shall be the Council. The Council shall be assisted as appropriate by the Finance and Administration Committee and the Economics Committee. The Council shall also be advised by the Board of Affiliate Members, the World Coffee Conference and the Coffee Public-Private Working Party.

(4) The Council will be supported by the Executive Director and the staff of the Organization.

ARTICLE 8
Privileges and immunities

(1) The Organization shall have legal personality. It shall in particular have the capacity to contract, acquire and dispose of movable and immovable property and to institute legal proceedings.

(2) The status, privileges and immunities of the Organization, of its Executive Director, its staff and experts, and of representatives of Members while in the territory of the host country for the purpose of exercising their functions, shall be governed by a Headquarters Agreement concluded between the host Government and the Organization.

(3) The Headquarters Agreement referred to in paragraph (2) of this Article shall be independent of this Agreement. It shall however terminate:

(a) By agreement between the host Government and the Organization;

(b) In the event of the headquarters of the Organization being moved from the territory of the host Government; or

(c) In the event of the Organization ceasing to exist.

(4) The Organization may conclude with one or more other Members agreements to be approved by the Council relating to such privileges and immunities as may be necessary for the proper functioning of this Agreement.

(5) The Governments of Member countries other than the host Government shall grant the Organization the same facilities in respect of currency or exchange restrictions, maintenance of bank accounts and transfer of monies, as are accorded to the specialized agencies of the United Nations.