International Coffee Agreement 2022

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PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, the International Coffee Agreement 2022.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: the European Union is a party to the International Coffee Agreement 2007 and a member of the International Coffee Organization (ICO). In March 2025, the International Coffee Council approved the extension of the 2007 Agreement until 1 February 2028 and also indicated that the Agreement would enter into force as soon as the conditions for its provisional or definitive entry into force are met. The Commission was authorised to vote in favour of extensions of the Agreement for periods not exceeding eight years in total beyond the initial expiry date of the Agreement or until the provisional or definitive entry into force of a new Agreement.

A partial revision of the 2007 Agreement was necessary and in the Union’s interest, with the objective of bringing it more in line with the practices it encourages in other international commodity organisations and to take into account developments in the world coffee market since 2007.

The International Coffee Council adopted the text of the new 2022 Agreement, replacing the 2007 International Coffee Agreement. The Commission negotiated, on behalf of the Union, the amendments that led to the new International Coffee Agreement. It considers that the new Agreement should be concluded and formally deposited with the International Coffee Organization in London.

CONTENT: the Commission proposes that the Council decide to approve, on behalf of the European Union, the International Coffee Agreement 2022.

The new 2022 agreement improves the balance between the voting and contribution systems and takes into account the integration of the private sector and civil society in the work of the ICO. It takes into account the objectives of simplification and streamlining while maintaining the intergovernmental nature of the ICO.