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INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON TEA

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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

1. The Twenty-first session of the Intergovernmental Group on Tea will be hosted by the Government of Indonesia and will be held in Bandung, from 5 to 7 November 2014. The session will be preceded by the International Symposium on Smallholders.

A. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSONS

2. The Group will elect a Chairperson and two Vice-chairpersons. At the Twentieth Session, the Group elected Ms Janaki Kurrupu (Sri Lanka) as Chairperson, Mr Rudiger Ohst (Germany) as First Vice-chairperson and Ms Sicily Kariuki (Kenya) as Second Vice-chairperson.

B. ADOPTION OF PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

II. MARKET DEVELOPMENTS AND OUTLOOK

A. CURRENT MARKET SITUATION AND MEDIUM TERM OUTLOOK

3. Document CCP:TE 14/Inf.2 examines both the current and longer term prospects for the production, consumption and trade of tea and the likely impact on the world market. Delegates are requested to update market information pertaining to their country, as this would help in reconciling any apparent differences, add to market transparency and assist with the discussion of possible strategies for sustainable development of the world tea economy.

B. MARKET DEVELOPMENTS IN SELECTED COUNTRIES

4. At its last session, the Group agreed that presentations of production, consumption and trade of tea be a regular item on the IGG agenda as this information was extremely useful in promoting market transparency and assisting countries in collaborating on appropriate international actions to promote demand for tea. The Tea Boards and Tea Councils in major producing and importing countries have been requested to prepare and present market developments in their countries, based on the agreed methodology, for consideration by the Group.

III. FACTORS AFFECTING DEMAND AND SUPPLY

A. IMPACT OF DEMAND SIDE FACTORS ON THE GLOBAL TEA ECONOMY

5. At its last session, the Group examined the factors affecting demand for tea with the help of the Secretariat's discussion documents (CCP:TE 12/2 and CCP:TE 12/CRS 6) and endorsed the methodological approach used. The Group recommended that the Secretariat incorporate qualitative assessments where available to gauge consumer psychographics and enhance the demand analysis, as well as use retail prices to get a better indication of consumer response to price changes. Document CCP:TE 14/2 analyses the contribution of global macroeconomic factors to changes in the international tea prices and discusses the implications for consumption, using retail prices, and tea production.

6. A major achievement of the Group is its submission to, and acceptance by, CODEX Alimentarius of a list of priority chemicals detailing the correlation between field trial protocol and good laboratory practices (GLP) supervised protocol. The Working Group (WG) on Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) has also produced a document explaining how the submission could facilitate the achievement of global harmonization of MRLs, including the communication plan and the Decision Tree for discussion and endorsement by the Group. To complement this effort, the Secretariat has produced document CCP:TE 14/3 which examines the implication of MRL harmonization on international trade patterns of tea.

B. IMPACT OF SUPPLY SIDE FACTORS ON THE GLOBAL TEA ECONOMY

7. At its last session, the Group tasked the WG on Climate Change to review the methods of climate change impact assessment, evaluate the analyses carried out on the impact of climate change on the tea sub-sector in selected countries and identify/suggest mitigation and adaptation strategies required to develop appropriate long term technologies for mitigation/adaptation. The findings of the WG would be presented to the Group at its Twenty-first Session. To complement this initiative, the Secretariat has produced document CCP:TE 14/4 which examines the impact of climate change on the global tea economy and analyses key issues, particularly cost and benefits of mitigation/adaptation measures that WG have agreed.

C. FACTORS DRIVING THE GROWTH OF THE SMALLHOLDER TEA SUB-SECTOR

8. At its Twentieth Session, the Group requested that the Secretariat update the tea smallholder study which was carried out in 1997. Document CCP:TE 14/5 examines the contribution of tea production and exports to smallholder welfare in the major producing countries, using the household survey methodology developed and accepted by the WG on Smallholders at the intersessional meeting that was held at FAO headquarters from 5-6 May 2014. This methodology examines the effectiveness of the smallholder value chain in selected tea producing countries.

IV. INTERGOVERNMENTAL ACTION

A. WORKING GROUP ON MAXIMUM RESIDUE LEVELS

B. WORKING GROUP ON MAXIMUM RESIDUE LEVELS IN THE BREW

C. WORKING GROUP ON TEA TRADE AND QUALITY

D. WORKING GROUP ON ORGANIC TEA

E. WORKING GROUP ON CLIMATE CHANGE

F. WORKING GROUP ON SMALLHOLDERS

G. TASK FORCE ON PROJECTIONS AND STATISTICS

H. UPDATE ON THE TEA WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

I. INTERNATIONALLY COORDINATED ACTIONS ON TEA DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

9. The Group will review the progress of the final Common Fund for Commodities (CFC) funded project that is still being implemented: *Development of smallholder tea cultivation in Bangladesh and Indonesia*, with the assistance of reports from the Project Executing Agency (PEA) and the Project Implementing Agency (PIA).

V. ACTIVITIES IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

10. Observer organizations are invited to inform the Group of their activities on tea.

VI. OTHER MATTERS

A. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Report of the evaluation of the Intergovernmental Commodity Groups

B. DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION

C. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT