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## COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS

### INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON HARD FIBRES

#### SUB-GROUP OF SISAL AND HENEQUEN PRODUCING COUNTRIES

#### Sixteenth Session

**Pasay City, Philippines, 20 October – 21 October 2009**

#### PROVISIONAL AGENDA, AGENDA NOTES AND PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- I. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON
- II. ADOPTION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA
- III. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE SUB-GROUP AND  
SUBMISSION TO THE GROUP

#### I. RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING PRICES OF SISAL FIBRE AND HARVEST TWINE

1. In the course of the discussion on this item it is usual practice for the Sub-Group to suspend its formal proceedings and hold informal discussions with representatives of consuming countries. The Sub-Group usually makes recommendations on the levels of indicative prices for African and Brazilian fibre, and for sisal twine. The Sub-Group may wish to review the relevance of recommending indicative prices.

2. For the purposes of reporting, the Joint Meeting of the Thirty-fourth Session of the Intergovernmental Group on Hard Fibres and the Thirty-sixth Session of the Intergovernmental Group on Jute, Kenaf and Allied Fibres in 2007 made the following recommendations:

- The practice of formulating the indicative price range for sisal based on c.i.f. prices should be discontinued and the indicative price range should be formulated on the basis of f.o.b. prices;

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- The indicative price range for **Brazilian No. 3** fibre should be set at **US\$620 to US\$680 per tonne, f.o.b. Salvador**;
- The indicative price range for **East African UG** fibre should be set at **US\$800 to US\$1 000 per tonne, f.o.b.**;
- The indicative price for **sisal and henequen baler twine** should be set at **US\$24 per 18 kg bale of regular runnage, f.o.b. Salvador**.

## **II. SISAL AND HENEQUEN PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE COMMON FUND FOR COMMODITIES (CFC)**

3. The Sub-Group is invited to review progress on the projects and to make recommendations for any further action regarding CFC project proposals. The Sub-Group may wish to review any additional project profiles submitted for its consideration well in advance of its session. Any such new proposals should reach the Secretariat by the end of August 2009.

## **III. ANY OTHER BUSINESS, INCLUDING DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION**

## **IV. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

## PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

*Tuesday, 20 October 2009*

## 16.30 hours: Opening of the Sub-Group Session

Wednesday, 21 October 2009

## 09.00 hours: Adoption of the Report of the Sub-Group