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### OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

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Subject: Outcome of proceedings of the Working Party on Commodities (PROBA)  
on 19 March 2025

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#### 1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as it appears in CM 1935/25 REV 1.

#### 2. **DELETED**

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### 3. Coffee

- *Debriefing of the 62nd Finance and Administration Committee, 3 March 2025*

The Commission indicated that the budget is on track for approval in September. The main discussion point was the potential relocation of the ICO headquarters, which is somewhat running in circles. There is no firm EU position as yet on this issue.

- *Preparation of the 139th ICO Council, 27 March 2025*

The Commission pointed to a rather light agenda and no really difficult issues to be anticipated. The main point will be to decide on a further extension of the current agreement, which should materialise in 2 separate resolutions that will be presented for approval. **DELETED**. The decision on the relocation of the ICO headquarters should be taken in the course of the next coffee year but the procedure is not very clear.

Some Member States recommended thorough reflection before deciding to support the relocation out of London, which will be a complex process and might divert the attention away from e.g. the challenge of rising coffee prices, which requires a strategic discussion and should be prioritised. The link to climate change should also be discussed by the Council.

#### 4. Cotton

- *Debrief on the 583rd Standing Committee Meeting, 12 March 2025*

The Commission referred to its proposal for an EU position on the list of discussion items (cf. WK 3072/2025); there were no comments from Member States.

#### 5. Cocoa

- *Preparation of the ICCO Council meetings, 7-11 April 2025*

The Commission indicated that no documents other than drafts were available yet and that a draft EU position on the various agenda items would be prepared as necessary in due time; there is no major difficulty to be foreseen.

#### 6. Tropical timber

- *Debrief on the ITTO 2029 workshop*

The Commission highlighted that the main issue discussed was the role of and our key demands to the ITTO ahead of the process towards a new ITTA, so that negotiations can be prepared in a strategic manner. The main focus was on what ITTO does well and should continue doing; possible new activities remain to be discussed. Budgetary issues such as shortfalls in payments and high level of arrears should be addressed.

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- *Debriefing of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Preparatory Working Group (PWG) for the renegotiation of the ITTA held on 13 March 2025*

The Commission said that the meeting was mostly procedural. The next meeting (in 2 months approximately, precise date to be confirmed) will require preparation in PROBA, depending on what documents will be made available. One delegate suggested to develop some kind of mandate to guide EU participation in future meetings. PCY invited Member States to provide written inputs to that end.

7. **DELETED**

8. **Common Fund for Commodities (CFC)**

- *Preparation for the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Common Fund for Commodities of 9 April 2025*

Sweden briefly informed Delegates about the main items on the agenda of the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

## 9. Sugar

- *Presentation of a Commission's proposal on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU at the next working group meeting and/or Council Session of the International Sugar Council*
- *Commission's presentation on the benefits and challenges of ISA membership for the EU*

The Commission consulted PROBA on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU at the upcoming ISO meeting, regarding the selection process for the position of Executive Director of the International Sugar Organization, as outlined in WK 2703 2025 INIT. The Commission also clarified the divergence between this proposed position and the one previously agreed upon, as outlined in ST 5630 2025 INIT.

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**10. Olive oil**

- *Presentation of the review of the IOC agreement (broader than art 36)*

The Commission presented proposed modifications to the IOC agreement. **DELETED**

**11. DELETED**

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