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Report of the meeting convened pursuant to article 57, paragraph 3, of the International Cocoa Agreement, 2010

Held in London on 19 September 2012

I. Vice-Chair's summary

1. The meeting was called by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD pursuant to paragraph 3 of article 57 of the International Cocoa Agreement, 2010.¹ In accordance therewith, those Governments that had deposited instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, or had notified the Depositary that they would apply the Agreement provisionally could decide whether to put the Agreement into force definitively or provisionally among themselves, in whole or in part, on such date as they might determine or to adopt any other arrangement as they might deem necessary. A draft decision was distributed among the participants of the meeting and was adopted unanimously (TD/COCOA/10/7).²

2. The Chair advised the delegates that the Agreement could not enter into force definitively on 1 October 2012, the date specified in article 57, paragraph 1. For the Agreement to have entered into force definitively, it would have been necessary that, by such date, Governments representing at least five exporting countries accounting for at least 80 per cent of the total exports of countries listed in annex A to the Agreement, and Governments representing importing countries having at least 60 per cent of total imports as set out in annex B to the Agreement, deposit their instruments of ratification, acceptance,

¹ See United Nations Treaty Collection, chapter XIX, No. 47 (http://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XIX-47&chapter=19&lang=en).

² http://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XIX-47&chapter=19&lang=en.

approval or accession with the Depository, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, by 1 October 2012.

3. As of 18 September 2012, at the close of business at United Nations Headquarters in New York, six exporting countries, accounting for 43.17 per cent of exports and all the Governments of importing countries, accounting for 54.90 per cent of imports, had deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, or had notified the Depository that they would apply the Agreement provisionally upon its entry into force. Therefore, the respective targets stipulated in article 57, paragraph 1, had not been reached either by exporters or importers. A list of the countries concerned was distributed among the delegates.

4. Several producing countries signatories to the Agreement had not submitted the required instruments with the Depository. Those countries, listed in annex I of decision TD/COCOA/10/7, accounted, in accordance with annex A to the Agreement, for 43 per cent of exports (not including Costa Rica).

5. The Chair called upon the representatives of member States and of the European Union to indicate their concurrence with the adoption of the decision. The following exporting members concurred: the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, the Dominican Republic and Togo. As delegates of two producing countries (Gabon and Guinea) listed in annex I of decision TD/COCOA/10/7 had not been present at the meeting and could not express their concurrence therewith, those countries could not be included in the list of countries adopting the decision. The European Union and Switzerland indicated their concurrence as importing members.

6. The Chair said that the Secretary-General of UNCTAD would send the Depository the text of the decision without delay.

7. The Executive Director a.i. of the International Cocoa Organization, Mr. Jean-Marc Anga; the spokespersons for the Consumers and Producers; and the representative of Switzerland congratulated participants on the entry into force of the Agreement.

8. Mr. Anga thanked the Secretary-General of UNCTAD and its delegation for the organization and successful conduct of the meeting.

9. The representatives of Brazil, Indonesia and Cameroon – countries that had signed the Agreement, 2010, but had not yet finalized their legal procedures of ratification, acceptance or approval in accordance with their respective constitutional procedures – assured the meeting that their Governments would do their best to finalize these procedures soon so that these countries would become fully fledged members of the Agreement.

10. The representative of Nigeria said his country wished to continue its membership in the new Agreement.

11. The Chair assured the members of the Agreement 2010, as well as the secretariat of the International Cocoa Organization, of UNCTAD's continued support.

II. Organizational matters

A. Election of officers

(Agenda item 2)

12. The meeting elected Mr. Samuel Gayi to serve as Chair, and Mr. Alexei Mojarov, Vice-Chair.

B. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

(Agenda item 3)

13. The meeting adopted the provisional agenda, which read as follows:
 1. Opening of the meeting
 2. Election of officers
 3. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
 4. Entry into force of the International Cocoa Agreement, 2010
 5. Adoption of the report of the meeting

C. Adoption of the report of the meeting

(Agenda item 5)

14. The meeting authorized the Vice-Chair to prepare a summary of the proceedings and outcome of the meeting to be distributed as an official document of the United Nations, to all member States.

Annex

[English/French/Spanish only]

List of participants

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