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Amendments to International Sugar Agreement, 1992, in accordance with Article 44 (C/Agenda(21)02 – Item 12)

The Executive Director would like to take the opportunity to remind Members of the timetable and process agreed for the amendment of the 1992 International Sugar Agreement (ISA, 1992), as well as the wording for the articles to be amended. This will be covered under Agenda Item 12 of the forthcoming Council Meeting on, Friday, 26 November 2021 "*Council to recommend to the Members amendments to ISA, 1992 in accordance with Article 44.*" Draft version of the decisions required to be made by Council at their 26 November meeting are proposed below.

TIMETABLE AND PROCESS

In their June meeting, Council agreed (ISC-Decisions-58, Item 6) to formally approve the calendar in Document C(21)02 (Revised) of 7 May 2021 at their November 2021 meeting. The timetable was updated accordingly and was re-issued as Document C(21)02 (Revised) of 28 June 2021 (attached). This timetable requires the Article 44 process for the amendment of ISA, 1992 to be initiated in the 26 November Council meeting and for Council to agree to fix a time after which each Member shall complete their constitutional procedures and to notify the depositary of its acceptance of the amendments (these deadlines are included in the timetable).

- *Decision – Council **agree** to ratify the timetable in Document C(21)02 (Revised) of 28 June 2021 and all the deadlines contained therein.*

ARTICLES TO BE AMENDED

A revised draft version of ISA, 1992 including the articles (1, 23(1), 25, 32, 33 and 34) to be amended was circulated as Document C(21)04 of 28 June 2021 (attached). The wording for the amended articles has already been approved by Members. Members will be asked to conduct a 'Special Vote' to initiate the Article 44 process in accordance with the timetable. Ideally this decision will be reached by consensus and thereby avoid the need for a vote.

- *Decision – Council **agree** that articles 1, 23(1), 25, 32, 33 and 34 will be amended as defined in Document C(21)04 of 28 June 2021, provided that, sufficient notifications are received in accordance with the timetable laid out in Document C(21)02 (Revised) of 28 June 2021.*