

**ABIDJAN DECLARATION FOR AFRICAN COCOA-PRODUCING  
COUNTRIES ON THE ISO 34101 INTERNATIONAL STANDARD FOR  
SUSTAINABLE AND TRACEABLE COCOA**

We, the African cocoa-producing Countries, hereby notify the ISO Secretariat and the Technical Committee CEN TC/415 of our stance on the following points, as part of the process of development of the ISO Standard:

- **Farmer premium**

It shall be mandatory and be paid in cash to cocoa producers to reward the extra efforts required by the farmers. The premium will enable cocoa producers to finance the costs relating to the implementation of the Standard and social programs. The premium needs to be included in the Standard.

- **The Contract and costs of implementation**

The implementation costs should be clearly spelled out and be included in the Standard.

The Contract shall be accurate and be mentioned in the Standard.

- **The Scheme Owner**

The Scheme Owner in our individual countries will be:

- Côte d'Ivoire: the Conseil Café-Cacao ;
- Ghana: the Ghana Cocoa Board;
- Cameroon: the ONCC;
- Nigeria: National Cocoa Association of Nigeria (CAN).

- **Other Matters**

It is essential that a Guidance Manual be drawn up to assist in implementing the Standard within our producing countries.

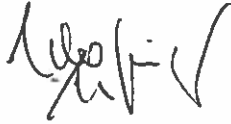
We do hope that all these points will be captured in the Standard so as to make its implementation easier.

*Done in Abidjan this June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

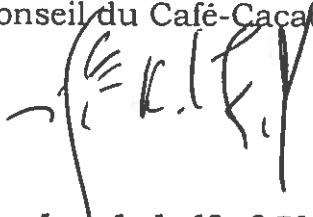
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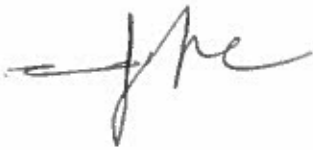
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