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# COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS

## INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON TEA

### TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION

23 February 2022

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## **AGENDA NOTES**

### **I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

1. The Twenty-fourth Session of the Intergovernmental Group (IGG) on Tea will be held virtually on 23 February 2022.

#### **A. ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSONS**

2. The Group will elect a Chairperson and two Vice-Chairpersons. At the Twenty-third Session, the Meeting elected Mr Jianyun Ruan (China) as Chairperson, Mr Ramaz O. Chanturiya (Russian Federation) as First Vice-Chairperson and Mr Prabhat Bezboruah (India) as Second Vice-Chairperson.

#### **B. ADOPTION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND TIMETABLE**

3. The Group will adopt the Provisional Agenda and Timetable for the Session (CCP:TE 22/1; CCP:TE 22/INF.1).

#### **C. OPENING STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

4. The Director-General or a representative of FAO will address the Group. The statement will be published as soon as possible as document CCP:TE 22/INF.2.

### **II. MARKET DEVELOPMENTS AND EMERGING ISSUES**

#### **A. CURRENT GLOBAL MARKET SITUATION AND EMERGING ISSUES**

5. Document CCP:TE 22/CRS 1 examines both the current situation and longer term prospects for the production, consumption, trade and prices of tea in the world market and their likely impact on the sustainability of the global tea economy. The document also looks at major challenges and issues related to the tea sector.

#### **B. MARKET DEVELOPMENTS IN SELECTED COUNTRIES**

6. As agreed by the Group at its Twentieth Session in Sri Lanka in 2012, Tea Boards and Tea Councils in major producing and importing countries have been requested to prepare and present market developments (production, consumption, trade and prices) in their countries, for consideration by the Group. Delegates are invited to update market information pertaining to their countries, as this would help in reconciling any apparent differences, add to market transparency and assist with the discussion of possible strategies for the sustainable development of the world tea economy. Presentations should include:

- Country's tea demand and supply balance and its influence on prices;
- Consumption in producing countries as well as experiences in promoting tea consumption more effectively to achieve better prices;
- Consumption targets for promotional campaigns;
- Maximum Residue Levels for exports and cost of compliance;
- Demographics and emerging consumption patterns.

### **III. FACTORS AFFECTING DEMAND AND SUPPLY**

#### **A. ROUNDTABLE ON THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE TEA MARKET**

7. The purpose of this roundtable is to discuss the effects of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) on the regional, national and international tea markets. Panelists will also discuss emerging trends in the aftermath of the pandemic. This item will be supported by documents CCP:TE 22/CRS 2 and CCP:TE 22/CRS 3.

### **IV. INTERGOVERNMENTAL ACTION**

#### **A. REPORTS FROM THE CHAIRS OF THE WORKING GROUPS**

8. The following Working Groups will report on their discussions and present their envisaged work plans. The Secretariat has produced documents CCP:TE 22/CRS 2 and CCP:TE 22/CRS 3 to assist them in their deliberations in preparation for this Session:

- i. Working Group on Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs)
- ii. Working Group on Tea Trade and Quality
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- v. Working Group on Global Tea Market Analysis and Promotion
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### **V. INTERNATIONAL TEA DAY**

9. With the support of the FAO IGG-Tea Secretariat, the resolution for the establishment of International Tea Day (ITD) on 21 May of each year was adopted by the 74th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in December 2019. The IGG-Tea Members and the Secretariat will report on the various activities and events organized in 2020 and 2021 to celebrate the ITD.

### **VI. ACTIVITIES IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

10. Observer organizations are invited to inform the Group of their activities on tea.

### **VII. OTHER MATTERS**

#### **A. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT SESSION**

#### **B. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **VIII. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**