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# COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS

## INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON HARD FIBRES

### SUB-GROUP OF SISAL AND HENEQUEN PRODUCING COUNTRIES

#### SEVENTEENTH SESSION

Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, 15 November 2011

### PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND AGENDA NOTES (CORRIGENDUM)

#### I. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON

#### II. ADOPTION OF PROVISIONAL AGENDA

#### III. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE SUB-GROUP AND SUBMISSION TO THE GROUP

#### IV. RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PRICES OF SISAL FIBRE AND HARVEST TWINE

1. In the course of the discussion on this item it is usual practice for the Sub-Group to suspend its formal proceedings and hold informal discussions with representatives of consuming countries. The Sub-Group usually makes recommendations on the levels of indicative prices for African and Brazilian fibre, and for sisal twine. The Sub-Group may wish to review the relevance of recommending indicative prices.

2. For the purposes of reporting, the Joint Meeting of the Thirty-fifth Session of the Intergovernmental Group on Hard Fibres and the Thirty-seventh Session of the Intergovernmental Group on Jute, Kenaf and Allied Fibres in 2009 made the following recommendations:

- The practice of setting indicative prices for sisal should continue as it was a reference point for farmers and was used by governments for policy making decisions;

- The indicative price range for Brazilian No. 3 fibres should be set at USD 700 to USD 800 per tonne, f.o.b. Salvador;
- The indicative price range for East Africa UG fibre should remain at USD 800 to USD 1 000 per tonne, f.o.b.;
- The indicative price for sisal and henequen baler twine should be set as USD 24 to USD 26 per 18 kg bale of regular runnage, f.o.b. Salvador.

## **V. SISAL AND HENEQUEN PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE COMMON FUND FOR COMMODITIES (CFC)**

3. The Sub-Group is invited to review progress on the projects and to make recommendations for any further action regarding CFC project proposals. The Sub-Group may wish to review any additional project profiles submitted for its consideration well in advance of its session.

## **VI. ANY OTHER BUSINESS, INCLUDING DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION**

## **VII. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

### **PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE**

Tuesday, 15 November 2011

18.30 hours: Opening of the Sub-Group Session

Wednesday, 16 November 2011

09.00 hours: Adoption of the Report of the Sub-Group