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JUTE STUDY GROUP

Computation of votes and contributions under  
hypothetical scenarios

**Note by the IJO Secretariat**

Within the framework of the Second Meeting of the Working Group, held from 9 to 11 October 2000, the IJO Secretariat circulated Conference Room Papers illustrating, *inter alia*, the computation of votes of individual members of a hypothetical successor Organisation under a single membership scenario with various combinations of basic votes and trade-weighted votes. Since the preparation of the Draft Terms of Reference of the International Jute Study Group, it would appear that the idea of maintaining a smaller Secretariat with reduced budget is gaining acceptance. The Secretariat has therefore attempted, in the attached tables, to simulate the implications of votes being computed under a single category membership, using an assortment of criteria for determining the Coefficient of Jute Importance (COJI) and alternative formulae for the determination of basic votes under two budgetary scenarios. The first scenario involves a budget of approximately US\$ 495,000 for *two* professionals, including the Head of the Group, and 12 supporting staff, the Head of the Group being at D1 level and the other professional at P2/P3 level. The alternative budget scenario requires approximately US\$ 599,000 for *three* professionals, including the Head of the Group, and 12 supporting staff, with the Head of the Group at D1 level and the remaining two Professionals at P2/P3 level.

**Table 1 : Computation of Votes and Contributions for Current Members  
(using single classification of membership with 40% of total votes distributed equally among all members  
and the remaining 60% of votes based on a Coefficient of Jute Importance - COJI a/ )**

Country	Production (000 tonnes)	Net Trade (000 tonnes)	Hybrid Criteria P = 40% NT = 60%	COJI (%)	Basic Votes b/ b/	COJI Votes	Total Votes (before Redistribution)	Total votes (after redistribution) c/	Assessed contribution d/ US \$	Assessed Contribution e/ US \$
Bangladesh	1008.3	791.6	878.3	39.7	34.8	476.7	511	450	111'375	134'775
China	381.5	85.6	203.9	9.2	34.8	110.7	145	150	37'124	44'924
India	1746.0	216.2	828.1	37.5	34.8	449.4	484	450	111'375	134'775
Indonesia	4.8	12.7	9.5	0.4	34.8	5.2	40	44	11'010	13'323
Nepal	14.0	11.0	12.2	0.6	34.8	6.6	41	47	11'633	14'077
Japan		37.1	37.1	1.7	34.8	20.1	55	59	14'712	17'803
Egypt		24.2	24.2	1.1	34.8	13.1	48	52	12'979	15'706
Switzerland		0.3	0.3	0.0	34.8	0.2	35	39	9'769	11'821
Norway		0.2	0.2	0.0	34.8	0.1	35	39	9'755	11'805
<b>Total Non-EU:</b>			1993.9		313.0	1082.2	1395	1332	329'731	399'008
<b>European Union</b>										
Austria		0.8	0.8	0.0	34.8	0.4	35	40	9'836	11'902
Belgium/Lux		86.3	86.3	3.9	34.8	46.8	82	86	21'321	25'800
Denmark		1.2	1.2	0.1	34.8	0.7	35	40	9'890	11'967
Finland		0.2	0.2	0.0	34.8	0.1	35	39	9'755	11'805
France		19.3	19.3	0.9	34.8	10.5	45	50	12'321	14'910
Germany		17.5	17.5	0.8	34.8	9.5	44	49	12'079	14'617
Greece		2.9	2.9	0.1	34.8	1.6	36	41	10'030	12'137
Ireland		1.4	1.4	0.1	34.8	0.8	36	40	9'916	12'000
Italy		10.3	10.3	0.5	34.8	5.6	40	45	11'112	13'447
Netherlands		22.0	22.0	1.0	34.8	11.9	47	51	12'684	15'348
Portugal		1.5	1.5	0.1	34.8	0.8	36	40	9'930	12'016
Spain		10.0	10.0	0.5	34.8	5.4	40	45	11'072	13'398
Sweden		0.2	0.2	0.0	34.8	0.1	35	39	9'755	11'805
United Kingdom		43.5	43.5	2.0	34.8	23.6	58	63	15'572	18'843
<b>Total EU:</b>		217.1	217.1		487.0	117.8	605	668	165'271	199'995
<b>Total</b>			2211.0	100	800	1200	2000	2000	495'003	599'003

**a/** COJI is determined on the basis of a weighted average of production and net trade in the case of producing countries and on the basis of net imports in the case of non-producing members.

**b/** Basic vote is calculated as 40 percent of total 2000 votes distributed equally among the existing 23 voting members

**c/** For the purpose of this exercise, the maximum limit of votes for each member has been set at the existing level of 450. Any excess vote has been redistributed equally among the remaining members.

**d/** For the sake of this exercise it has been assumed that the total Administrative budget is approx. US\$ 495,000.

**e/** For the sake of this exercise it has been assumed that the total Administrative budget is approx. US\$ 599,000.

**Table 2 : Computation of Votes and Contributions for Current Members  
(using single classification of membership with 50% of total votes distributed equally among all members  
and the remaining 50% of votes based on a Coefficient of Jute Importance - COJI a/ )**

Country	Production (000 tonnes)	Net Trade (000 tonnes)	Hybrid Criteria P = 40% NT = 60%	COJI (%)	Basic Votes b/ b/	COJI Votes	Total Votes (rounded) c/	Assessed contribution d/ US \$	Assessed Contribution e/ US \$
Bangladesh	1008.3	791.6	878.3	39.7	43.5	397.2	441	109'074	131'990
China	381.5	85.6	203.9	9.2	43.5	92.2	136	33'591	40'648
India	1746.0	216.2	828.1	37.5	43.5	374.5	418	103'459	125'195
Indonesia	4.8	12.7	9.5	0.4	43.5	4.3	48	11'829	14'314
Nepal	14.0	11.0	12.2	0.6	43.5	5.5	49	12'129	14'677
Japan		37.1	37.1	1.7	43.5	16.8	60	14'914	18'047
Egypt		24.2	24.2	1.1	43.5	10.9	54	13'470	16'300
Switzerland		0.3	0.3	0.0	43.5	0.1	44	10'794	13'062
Norway		0.2	0.2	0.0	43.5	0.1	44	10'783	13'049
<b>Total Non-EU:</b>			1993.9		391.3	901.8	1293	320'042	387'283
<b>European Union</b>									
Austria		0.8	0.8	0.0	43.5	0.4	44	10'850	13'130
Belgium/Lux		86.3	86.3	3.9	43.5	39.0	83	20'421	24'712
Denmark		1.2	1.2	0.1	43.5	0.5	44	10'895	13'184
Finland		0.2	0.2	0.0	43.5	0.1	44	10'783	13'049
France		19.3	19.3	0.9	43.5	8.7	52	12'921	15'636
Germany		17.5	17.5	0.8	43.5	7.9	51	12'720	15'392
Greece		2.9	2.9	0.1	43.5	1.3	45	11'085	13'415
Ireland		1.4	1.4	0.1	43.5	0.6	44	10'918	13'211
Italy		10.3	10.3	0.5	43.5	4.7	48	11'914	14'417
Netherlands		22.0	22.0	1.0	43.5	10.0	53	13'224	16'002
Portugal		1.5	1.5	0.1	43.5	0.7	44	10'929	13'225
Spain		10.0	10.0	0.5	43.5	4.5	48	11'880	14'376
Sweden		0.2	0.2	0.0	43.5	0.1	44	10'783	13'049
United Kingdom		43.5	43.5	2.0	43.5	19.7	63	15'630	18'914
<b>Total EU:</b>		217.1	217.1		608.7	98.2	707	174'954	211'713
<b>Total</b>			2211.0	100.00	1000	1000	2000	494'996	598'995

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e/ For the sake of this exercise it has been assumed that the total Administrative budget is approx. USD 599,000.

**Table 3: Computation of Votes and Contributions for Current Members  
(using single classification of membership with 35% of total votes distributed equally among all members  
and the remaining 65% of votes based on a Coefficient of Jute Importance - COJI a/ )**

Country	Production (000 tonnes)	Net Trade (000 tonnes)	Hybrid Criteria  P =40%  NT = 60%	COJI (%)	Basic Votes b/ b/	COJI Votes	Total Votes (before Redistribution c/)	Total Votes (after Redistri- bution) c/	Assesse d Contri- bution d/ US \$	Assesse d Contri- bution e/ US \$
Bangladesh	1008.3	791.6	878.3	39.7	30.4	516.4	547	450	111'375	134'775
China	381.5	85.6	203.9	9.2	30.4	119.9	150	158	39'144	47'369
India	1746.0	216.2	828.1	37.5	30.4	486.9	517	450	111'375	134'775
Indonesia	4.8	12.7	9.5	0.4	30.4	5.6	36	44	10'854	13'134
Nepal	14.0	11.0	12.2	0.6	30.4	7.2	38	45	11'244	13'606
Japan		37.1	37.1	1.7	30.4	21.8	52	60	14'864	17'987
Egypt		24.2	24.2	1.1	30.4	14.2	45	52	12'987	15'716
Switzerland		0.3	0.3	0.0	30.4	0.2	31	38	9'509	11'507
Norway		0.2	0.2	0.0	30.4	0.1	31	38	9'495	11'489
Total Non- EU:			1993.9	90.2	273.9	1172.3	1'446	1'337	330'847	400'358
European Union										
Austria		0.8	0.8	0.0	30.4	0.5	31	39	9'582	11'595
Belgium/Lux		86.3	86.3	3.9	30.4	50.7	81	89	22'024	26'651
Denmark		1.2	1.2	0.1	30.4	0.7	31	39	9'640	11'665
Finland		0.2	0.2	0.0	30.4	0.1	31	38	9'495	11'489
France		19.3	19.3	0.9	30.4	11.3	42	50	12'274	14'853
Germany		17.5	17.5	0.8	30.4	10.3	41	49	12'012	14'536
Greece		2.9	2.9	0.1	30.4	1.7	32	40	9'887	11'965
Ireland		1.4	1.4	0.1	30.4	0.8	31	39	9'669	11'701
Italy		10.3	10.3	0.5	30.4	6.1	36	44	10'964	13'268
Netherlands		22.0	22.0	1.0	30.4	12.9	43	51	12'667	15'328
Portugal		1.5	1.5	0.1	30.4	0.9	31	39	9'684	11'718
Spain		10.0	10.0	0.5	30.4	5.9	36	44	10'921	13'215
Sweden		0.2	0.2	0.0	30.4	0.1	31	38	9'495	11'489
United Kingdom		43.5	43.5	2.0	30.4	25.6	56	64	15'796	19'114
Total EU:			217.1	9.8	426.1	127.6	554	663	164'109	198'589
Grand Total			2211.0	100.0	700.0	1300.0	2'000	2'000	494'956	598'947

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