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The ISO welcomes Congo and Morocco as 79th and 80th member states

Recently, **Congo and Morocco** have joined the 1992 International Sugar Agreement becoming the 79th and 80th member-states of the ISO.

Congo is a small Central African cane sugar producer. In recent years the country's sugar output has varied from 55 to 65 thousand tonnes a year. The country has a preferential excess to the EU market under the ACP agreement and to the US market under the TRQ system. Congo also exports sugar to Cameroon and Chad, neighbouring country-members of CEMAC – the Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa (includes Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Equatorial Guinea and Gabon). Congo's accession is very welcome because it reinforces the representation of African and, in particular, CEMAC countries in the Organization.

Morocco is a middle-range North African producer of both beet and cane sugar, but also has to import annually from 550 to 750 thousand tonnes of mainly raw sugar to cover domestic demand currently estimated at 1.2 mln tonnes. Morocco's accession is particularly welcome because it further strengthens the membership of North African importing countries in the Organization. Currently, North Africa is represented in the ISO by Egypt, Morocco, Sudan and Tunisia.

The 80 member-states of the ISO represent (based on data for 2005) **83 % of world sugar production, 66 % of world consumption, 90 % of world exports and 37% of world imports.**