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Dear Partners,

The Standards Committee (SC) during the meeting that took place on the 24th of November 2025 approved a new requirement in the Cocoa Standard *4.6.2 Premium Planning* which applies to SPOs in Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana. The requirement details the distribution of Fairtrade Premium according to specific categories, i.e. cash payouts, investments into producer organizations, farm services for members and investments for communities. Requirement *4.6.1 Premium planning* remains in place and is applicable globally for SPOs. Former requirement *4.6.2 Premium reporting* was removed from the Standard as it was outdated, since Premium reporting is covered in the Standard for Small-scale Producer Organization by requirement *4.1.10 Fairtrade Premium use reporting*.

You find the Cocoa Standard in [English](#), [French](#), and [Spanish here](#).

Changes to the Interpretation Notes

In the Interpretation Notes for the Fairtrade Standard for Cocoa, the text concerning Trader Standard requirement *5.8.1 Unfair trading practices* was updated. Wording changes were also made for requirements *3.2.7 Supporting Producers with Action Plans* and *3.3.3 Supporting Producers to Address and Remediate Child Labour and Forced Labour*. You find the binding document [here](#) in [English](#), [French](#), and [Spanish](#).

Changes to the Explanatory Notes

Following the changes to the Cocoa Standard, the Explanatory Notes were also updated. You find the document [here](#) in [English](#), [French](#), and [Spanish](#).

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Best regards,

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