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**REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL**  
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1. The Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, of the United Nations notified the Secretariat that on 28 April 2015, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in his capacity as depositary of the International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006, received from the Government of Croatia the instrument of Accession to the ITTA, 2006. Croatia, therefore, became the Seventy-first Party to the International Tropical Timber Agreement on 28 April 2015 as a "Consuming Member".
2. In accordance with Article 19, paragraph 6, of the International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006, Croatia's initial contribution to the Administrative Budget shall be assessed by the Council on the basis of the number of votes to be held by Croatia for the period remaining in the current financial year.
3. In accordance with Article 10 of the ITTA, 2006, on "Distribution of Votes", Croatia is allocated a total of 10 votes for 2015 and the period remaining in the 2015 financial year after becoming a member was 248 days. Therefore, the assessed contribution of Croatia for 2015 is **US\$27,938.39**{i.e.  $(\$4,111,900 \div 1,000) \times 10 \text{ votes} \times (248 \div 365 \text{ days})$ }.
4. On 28 July 2015, the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations notified the Secretariat that the Government of Belgium had deposited its instrument of Ratification of the International Tropical Timber Agreement 2006. However, this action did not change the membership of the Organization, since Belgium was already a member country of the Organization through its instrument of Provisional application deposited on 25 April 2008, in accordance with Article 38 of the ITTA, 2006.
5. On 1 September 2015, the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs on the United Nations notified the Secretariat that the Government of Thailand had deposited its instrument of Accession to the ITTA, 2006. Thailand, therefore, became the Seventy-second Party to the International Tropical Timber Agreement on 1 September 2015 as a Producing Member.
6. In accordance with Article 10 of the ITTA, 2006, on "Distribution of Votes", Thailand is allocated a total of 30 votes for 2015 and the period remaining in the 2015 financial year after becoming a member was 122 days. Therefore, the assessed contribution of Thailand for 2015 is **US\$35,858.98** {i.e.  $(\$3,576,100 \div 1,000) \times 30 \text{ votes} \times (122 \div 365 \text{ days})$ }.

The membership of the Organization now comprises Thirty-four (34) Producing members and Thirty-eight (38) Consuming members, including the European Union.