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**DECISION 8(XXXIII)**

**PREPARATIONS FOR NEGOTIATING A SUCCESSOR AGREEMENT TO THE ITTA, 1994**

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Noting the Consultants' Report on New and Emerging Issues of Relevance to the International Tropical Timber Council and a Future International Tropical Timber Agreement [document ITTC(XXXIII)/6];

Also noting the Report of the Working Group on the Organization of Work under the ITTA, 1994;

Recognizing the need to conclude negotiations on a Successor Agreement to the ITTA, 1994 no later than early 2005 in order to allow countries sufficient time, prior to expiration of the ITTA, 1994, to complete respective ratification procedures and deposit instruments of ratification with the United Nations;

Also recognizing the need to start the process of renegotiations following the Thirty-third Session of the Council;

Decides to:

1. Adopt the schedule for the Preparatory Committee (PrepCom) meetings and renegotiations on a Successor Agreement to the ITTA, 1994 contained in the Annex to this Decision;
2. Request Members to provide comments on document ITTC(XXXIII)/6 by 15 January 2003 and request the Executive Director to authorize the consultants to revise the document based on Council discussions and written comments by Members by 15 February 2003;
3. Request Members to provide electronically or in writing to the Executive Director their informal views on the issues to be addressed in negotiating a Successor Agreement to the ITTA, 1994, as per Annex II, by 15 February 2003. In forming these views, Members are encouraged to consult stakeholders;
4. Request the Executive Director to consult with UNCTAD on the legal and institutional process and requirements for the renegotiation of the ITTA, 1994, and report to Members by 15 February 2003;
5. Request the Executive Director to convene a Working Group by April 2003, comprising three Producer Members, three Consumer Members, the Council Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, Producer and Consumer Spokespersons, and Chair and Vice-chair of the renegotiation process, assisted by a legal advisor from UNCTAD as necessary, to:
  - a. Identify issues to be addressed in negotiating a Successor Agreement to the ITTA, 1994, drawing on Members' comments and other relevant documents;

- b. Undertake an analysis of potential changes to the ITTA, 1994, based on Council's discussions at the Thirty-third Session, written comments received from Members, and other relevant documents;
- c. Determine the institutional and organizational implications of these potential changes; and
- d. Prepare a report reflecting the results of this analysis for consideration by the First Meeting of the Preparatory Committee for negotiating a Successor Agreement to the ITTA, 1994.

The Council may decide to extend the mandate and scope of work of this Working Group to facilitate further the renegotiation process.

- 6. Authorize the Executive Director to seek voluntary contributions from Member Countries to fund the costs of convening the Working Group meeting and the First PrepCom meeting (see Annex III), including financial assistance for attendance of Producing Members as needed. If sufficient contributions are not received by 15 January 2003, the Executive Director is requested to use funds from the Working Capital Account.

**ANNEX I**

**THE ITTA, 1994, RENEGOTIATION CALENDAR**

May 2003	34 <sup>th</sup> Council Session (6 days) + Producer/Consumer Coordination Meeting (1 day) + PrepCom I (2 days) Venue: Panama, 12 – 21 May 2003
November 2003	35 <sup>th</sup> Council Session (6 days) + PrepCom II (3 days) Venue: Yokohama, 3 – 12 November 2003
May 2004	36 <sup>th</sup> Council Session (4 days: 2 days for Council and 2 days for Joint Committees) + UNCTAD Renegotiation I (5 days) Venue: Geneva (to be confirmed)
November 2004	37 <sup>th</sup> Council Session (6 days) */ Venue: Yokohama
December 2004 or January 2005	Final UNCTAD Renegotiation Venue: Geneva

\*/ Council may decide on the need for additional days for renegotiations

## ANNEX II

### QUESTIONS FOR A MEMBER SURVEY FOR THE RENEGOTIATION OF THE ITTA, 1994

The following list addresses issues associated with the planned renegotiation of the International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1994. Responses should be formed with a view to identifying problems and challenges and how these might be addressed in a possible new Agreement.

#### I. The ITTA, 1994

1. Should the successor agreement to the ITTA, 1994 be broadly similar or is there need for substantial changes?
2. Identify the significant strengths of the ITTA, 1994.
3. Identify any perceived constraints/weaknesses/shortcomings of the ITTA, 1994.
4. What improvements do you suggest to the Objectives of the ITTA, 1994?

#### II. New and Emerging Issues with Implications for a Successor Agreement

1. Identify new and emerging issues with implications for a successor Agreement.
2. Identify your views on the relationship between ITTO and other relevant international organizations, treaties and processes.

#### III. Institutional and Organizational Issues

##### 1. Organizational Structure

Should the organization of the Council and its subsidiary bodies remain the same or be changed? If so, how?

Should the Project process and work stay the same or be changed? If so, how?

##### 2. Frequency and Duration of Meetings

Your views on frequency and duration of meetings for Council and its subsidiary bodies, including Committees.

##### 3. Secretariat

Is the structure and scope of work of the Secretariat adequate as it is, or should it be changed?

#### IV. Funding Mechanisms

##### 1. Member Contributions

Do you believe that the current system of contributions is appropriate or should be changed?

##### 2. Voluntary Funding

Should there be other ways to finance the work of ITTO beyond the current sources?

#### V. Other Issues

Please provide any other comments on the ITTA/ITTO in relation to the issues to a successor Agreement.

**Annex III**

**WORKING GROUP IN PREPARATION FOR THE  
RENEGOTIATION OF THE ITTA, 1994**

**Budget**

	<u>Total (US\$)</u>
A. TRAVEL:	\$26,520.00
- 3 PRODUCER MEMBERS & PRODUCER SPOKESPERSON - CHAIRPERSON OF COUNCIL - VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF NEGOTIATION PROCESS	
(1) Air Tickets (\$3,000 x 6)	18,000.00
(2) DSA & Travel Expenses [((\$210x6)+\$160)x12]	8,520.00
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B. SECRETARIAT TRAVEL	11,588.00
(1) Executive Director	6,558.00
(2) Support Staff ( x 1)	5,030.00
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C. LOGISTICS & PREPARATIONS	7,562.00
(1) Meeting Rooms & Facilities	5,500.00
(2) Equipment (PCs, Copies, etc)	1,300.00
(3) Miscellaneous	762.00
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D. REPORT TRANSLATION	1,500.00
E. ITTO PROGRAMME SUPPORT COSTS	2,830.00
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TOTAL:	\$50,000.00
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**ANNEX IV**

THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE ITTC  
MEETING RELATED TO THE RENEGOTIATION OF THE ITTA, 1994

Budget

		<u>Total (US\$)</u>
A. PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS MEETING (1 day)		\$38,100.00
- 3 PRODUCER MEMBERS & PRODUCER SPOKESPERSON		
- CHAIRPERSON OF COUNCIL		
- VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF NEGOTIATION PROCESS		
(1) Meeting Facilities (incl. SIS Equipment)	10,000.00	
(2) Language Staff (Interpreters/Translators)	22,000.00	
(3) Miscellaneous Expenses	6,100.00	
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B. PREPCOM I (2 days)		76,200.00
(1) Meeting Facilities (incl. SIS Equipment)	20,000.00	
(3) Language Staff (Interpreters/Translators)	44,000.00	
(3) Miscellaneous Expenses	12,200.00	
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C. ASSISTANCE TO PRODUCER MEMBERS		8,341.00
(1) DSA for 3 days & Exp.	8,341.00	
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D. ITTO PROGRAMME SUPPORT COSTS		7,359.00
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	TOTAL:	\$130,000.00
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