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DECISION 8(XXIX)

DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTS

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Decision 9(XXVIII) by which it amended Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure [Document ITTC(XXIII)/15] regarding the restricted nature of Council documents;

Recognizing the importance to the ITTO of the contribution and participation of members of Civil Society in the activities of ITTO;

Further recognizing the need to disseminate information on the progress made towards achieving sustainable management of tropical forests and trade in tropical timber from sustainably managed forests;

Noting the report of the Executive Director on the document distribution practices of related inter-governmental organizations;

Decides to:

1. Amend Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure to state the following:

As a general rule, the Council shall hold at least one regular session a year. At each regular session the Council shall determine the date of its next regular session. Special sessions shall be subject to the provisions of article 9, paragraph 2, and any other relevant articles of the Agreement. All meetings of the Council shall be private unless the Council decides otherwise. Statements made in, and documents presented to meetings of the Council, unless "Restricted", shall be available to interested parties.

2. Designate as "Restricted" all the administrative and financial documents to be presented for consideration by the Committee on Finance and Administration (CFA); and
3. Request CFA to consider and recommend to the Council those documents that should be derestricted upon Council decision.

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