

TWENTY-SECOND SESSION
21-29 May 1997
Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia

DECISION 5(XXII)
ORGANIZATION OF WORK UNDER THE ITTA, 1994
PART III

DURATION OF COUNCIL SESSIONS

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Decision 4(XXI), requesting the Executive Director to convene an Expert Panel on the organization of the Work under the ITTA, 1994;

Recognizing the need to ensure effective and continued participation by members and all invited parties in Council and Committees sessions;

Stressing the need to streamline the work of the Council and Committees in order to improve the efficiency of the organization, in the framework of the overall ongoing efforts undertaken in many international organizations;

Reaffirming the current practice of holding biannual meetings, one of them at the Headquarters of the organization;

Decides to:

1. Establish the duration of the Council and Committee Sessions, commencing with the Twenty-third Session of the Council in Yokohama 1997, for six working days starting on Monday and ending on Saturday;
2. In principle, review the decision to hold Council sessions over a six-day period at the Twenty-ninth Council Session;
3. Request the Executive Director to schedule non-concurrent Committee sessions whenever possible, and to distribute a draft schedule to member official contact points not later than two weeks prior to Council sessions.

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