

THIRTEENTH SESSION
16-21 & 24 November 1992
Yokohama, Japan

DECISION 9(XIII)

RENEGOTIATION OF ITTA, 1983

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling its Decision 3(XI) of 4 December 1991 on the arrangements for the renegotiation of the ITTA, 1983;

Noting that the UNCTAD has arranged two Sessions of Negotiating Conferences to be held in Geneva on 13-16 April 1993 and 21-25 June 1993;

Taking note of the Report of the Chairman of the informal Working Group which convened in Washington D.C. (USA) from 24-25 September 1992 (Document PrepCom (I)/3);

Noting further the progress made at the First Session of the Preparatory Committee in Yokohama from 11-13 November 1992 and 23-24 November 1992;

Recognizing the need to continue further consultations in order to achieve as broad an agreement as possible on major issues;

1. Decides to convene a Second Session of the Preparatory Committee to be held from 22 January to 30 January 1993; the first part of which, a meeting for Producer Member States, will take place from Friday 22 January to Tuesday 26 January 1993. The second part, for all members, will take place from Wednesday 27 January to Saturday 30 January 1993;
2. Accepts the generous offer of the Government of Ecuador to host the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee;
3. Requests the Executive Director to invite all member States of the ITTO, as well as such other States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations as the Council shall decide to admit;
4. Authorizes the Executive Director to transfer the sum of US\$ 50,000 from the Working Capital Account of the Administrative Budget to finance partly the cost of the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee and to undertake consultations with potential donors in order to secure the balance of funds needed to meet the full costs of the Session;
5. Appeals to all Members to study the relevant documentation and develop their negotiating position to facilitate deliberations at the Preparatory Session;
6. Further decides to convene the First Special Session of the Council on 30 January 1993 to review the outcome of the Second Preparatory Session and to consider what further steps are needed before the start of the first Negotiating Conference under the auspices of UNCTAD.