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DECISION 1 (S-I)

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE FOR THE NEGOTIATION  
OF A SUCCESSOR AGREEMENT TO THE  
INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL TIMBER AGREEMENT, 1983

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling its Decisions 3(XI) of 4 December 1991 and 9(XIII) of 24 November 1992 concerning arrangements for the negotiation of a successor agreement to the International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1983,

Taking note of the Report of the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the Renegotiation of the International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1983 on its Second Session,

1. Welcomes with appreciation arrangements made by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD for two sessions of a Conference (13-16 April and 21-25 June 1993) to negotiate a successor agreement to the International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1983;
2. Takes further note of the working document prepared by the Preparatory Committee containing proposals for a successor agreement to the International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1983, together with the draft Provisional Agenda and the draft Rules of Procedure established for the Conference;
3. Recommends the arrangements for the Conference set out in the annex to the working document;
4. Requests the Executive Director to forward to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD the working document;
5. Requests further the Executive Director to seek financial assistance from members and private sector organizations to support the participation in the Conference of technical experts from developing country members of the International Tropical Timber Organization;
6. Commends the work of the Preparatory Committee.

## WORKING DOCUMENT

### LIST OF CONTENTS

- TEXTS OF CONSUMER AND PRODUCER GROUPS' PROPOSALS FOR A SUCCESSOR AGREEMENT
  
- DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE CONFERENCE (See Document PrepCom (II)/3)
  
- DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE CONFERENCE (See Document PrepCom (II)/3)
  
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## **ANNEX TO THE WORKING DOCUMENT PREPARED BY THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE**

### **RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONFERENCE**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

These recommendations, agreed by the Council, are presented for consideration by the Conference on the following procedural and administrative matters :

#### **STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE**

- (i) Executive Committee of the Whole (Main Committee):  
- chaired by the President of the Conference supported by the two Vice-Presidents.

The Executive Committee of the Whole will make appropriate arrangements to scrutinize and approve the text of the successor agreement.

- (ii) Committee 1 (Economic and Technical):  
- to deal with proposals on the Preamble, Objectives, Definitions and Operations (chaired by a nominee of the Consumers).
- (iii) Committee 2 (Financial and Administrative) :  
- to deal with proposals on Finance, Committees, Relationships with other Organizations, Statistics, Disputes and Final Provisions (chaired by a nominee of the Producers)
- (iv) Credentials Committee :  
- in accordance with Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference  
\*This will comprise five members who shall be appointed by the Conference on the proposal of the President\* (chaired by a nominee of the Consumers).

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- President and Chairman of the Executive Committee - Producer nominee  
(Indonesia, H.E. Mr. Wisber Loeis, Deputy Minister, Foreign Economic Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and former Ambassador of Indonesia to the UN Offices in Geneva)
- Vice-President - Consumer nominee (from the European Community)
- Vice-President - Producer nominee (from the Latin American region)
- Chairmen of :
  - Committee 1 (Economic and Technical) - Consumer nominee (Canada, Mr. David K. Boulter, Director, Economic Studies, Forestry Canada and former Chairman of the International Tropical Timber Council, 1992)
  - Committee 2 (Financial and Administrative) - Producer nominee (Gabon, H.E. Mr. Eugene Capito, Minister of Forests, Fisheries and Environment)
- Credentials Committee - Consumer nominee

#### **ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS (IGOs AND NGOs)**

It will be for the Conference to decide on the final admission of NGO and IGO observers. However, to facilitate the process and as a guide to the Conference, the ITTO Secretariat will prepare a list of observers who have so far been admitted to sessions of the International Tropical Timber Council (ITTC). These will be informed of the Conference by the ITTO Secretariat in a circular and advised to apply to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD for participation as observers if they so wish.