



FORTY-SIXTH SESSION
13 – 18 December 2010
Yokohama, Japan

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ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 - Opening of the Session

The Forty-sixth Session of the Council will be opened by the Chairperson of the Council, Mr. Daniel Birchmeier (Switzerland).

Item 2 - Ascertainment of the Quorum

The Executive Director will report to the Council on the state of the quorum requirement for the start of the Session.

Item 3 - Adoption of Agenda and Organization of Work

[Document ITTC(XLVI)/1]

The Council may decide to consider and adopt its Agenda. On the schedule of meetings, the Council may consider the draft schedule distributed under Decision 5(XXII), the advice of the Informal Advisory Group (IAG) and undertake due consultations in the Chairperson's Coordinating Bureau, issuing the time-table daily and at more frequent intervals as necessary.

Item 4 - Report on Membership of the Council

The Executive Director will report on the status of membership of the Council.

Item 5 - Report of the Credentials Committee

[Document ITTC(XLVI)/3]

The Council may consider and adopt the Report of the Credentials Committee and approve the credentials of delegations.

Item 6 - Proposed Distribution of Votes for 2010

[Document ITTC(XLVI)/1 Annex]

The proposed distribution of votes for the year 2010, in accordance with Article 10(6) of the ITTA, 1994, is shown in the Annex to this Provisional Agenda. In accordance with Article 19(4) of the ITTA, 1994, this distribution of votes will be used for the assessment of the contribution of each Member to the Administrative Budget for 2011.

Item 7 - Admission of Observers

[Document ITTC(XLVI)/Info.3]

The Council may decide to admit those States and Organizations which request admission to the Session as Observers. Two lists of such applicants will be submitted at the Session for consideration and decision. The first such list shall contain the names of all States and Organizations which have previously been admitted to the Council Sessions and the second those States and Organizations who are applying for admission on the first occasion at this Session.

Item 8 - Statement by the Executive Director

The Executive Director will address the Council and report on activities of the Organization and other developments of relevance to the Organization.

Item 9 - Report of the Informal Advisory Group (IAG) – Decision 5(XXVI)

[Document ITTC(XLVI)/2]

Pursuant to Decision 5(XXVI), and in order to organize its work for the Session, the Council may consider the report of the Twenty-fourth Meeting of the Informal Advisory Group (IAG), to be convened on Sunday, 12 December 2010.

The report of the Twenty-fourth Meeting of the IAG will be presented by the Chairperson, Mr. Daniel Birchmeier (Switzerland).

Item 10 - Enhancing Cooperation between ITTO and CITES - Decisions 3(XVI), 7(XXXIV) and 2(XXXVII)
[Document ITTC(XLVI)/4]

(a) Pursuant to its Decision 3(XVI) the Council may arrange consultations on Members' proposals to list internationally traded tropical timber species in the CITES Appendices which have been reported to the Secretariat since the last Session.

(b) The Council will receive a report on the implementation of the programme to improve country capacity to implement CITES listings of tropical timber species.

Item 11 - Annual Review and Assessment of the International Timber Situation in 2010
[Document ITTC(XLVI)/5]

The Council may wish to base its discussion on this item on the following:

(i) Elements for the 2010 Annual Review and Assessment of the International Timber Situation

This is prepared by the Secretariat and comprises statistics and available data on production, imports and exports of timber products, emphasizing tropical timber products, and an analysis of economic and market developments. The Elements for the 2010 Annual Review will be partly based on information extracted from national responses to the ITTO/UNECE/FAO/EUROSTAT Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire and partly from other sources.

(ii) A General Introductory Statement by the Secretariat

Using various sources of information including the Elements for the 2010 Annual Review, the Statement will give an overview of the world timber situation, focusing on tropical timber, including recent developments and the short-term outlook based on available forecasts.

The Council may also decide after due discussions the type of statistics and information and the format of presentation Members shall furnish on timber, its trade and the activities aimed at achieving sustainable management of timber producing forests as stipulated in Article 29(2) of the ITTA, 1994.

Item 12 - Entry into Force of the ITTA, 2006 – Decisions 3(XLI), 7(XLIV) and 3(XLV)
[Document ITTC(XLVI)/6]

Pursuant to its Decisions 3(XLI), 7(XLIV) and 3(XLV) the Council will receive the report of the Executive Director on the status of deposits of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the ITTA, 2006 for its review and consideration of further steps towards the entry into force of the ITTA, 2006.

Item 13 - Financing of Council Sessions held Outside the Headquarters
[Document ITTC(XLVI)/7]

Pursuant to the Chair's Proposal adopted at the Forty-fifth Session of the ITTC held in Yokohama from 9–14 November 2009, the Council may wish to discuss and find a long-term solution concerning the financing of Council Sessions outside the Headquarters, taking into account the proposal of Brazil and Mexico presented at the Forty-fifth Session.

Item 14 - ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2010–2011
[Documents ITTC(XLVI)/8]

The Council will receive the progress report on the implementation of the Biennial Work Programme for 2010–2011.

Item 15 - ITTO Thematic Programmes
[Document ITTC(XLVI)/9]

(a) Pledges to the ITTO Thematic Programmes.

The Council may invite Members and Observers to announce any new contributions they may wish to pledge to the ITTO Thematic Programmes.

- (b) Report on the Current Status of implementation of the ITTO Thematic Programmes.

The Council will receive the progress report on the status of implementation of the ITTO Thematic Programmes.

Item 16 - Developments in the UNFCCC Regarding Forests and their Potential Implications for Tropical Forests and the World Tropical Timber Economy – Decisions 2(XXXIX), 1(XLI) and 2(XLIII)

[Documents ITTC(XLVI)/10] and ITTC(XLVI)/11]

(a) Pursuant to its Decisions 2(XXXIX), 1(XLI), and 2(XLIII) the Council will be updated on developments in the UNFCCC regarding forests [Document ITTC(XLVI)/10]

(b) The Council will receive a report of a feasibility study on “Building a Voluntary Carbon Marketing Scheme to Promote Sustainable Forest Management” carried out under REDDES in 2010 [Document ITTC(XLVI)/11]

Item 17 - International Year of Biodiversity and International Year of Forests

[Document ITTC(XLVI)/12]

The Secretariat will inform the Council on ITTO activities developed in support of the International Year of Biodiversity 2010, and propose activities in support of the International Year of Forests 2011

Item 18 - Matters Related to Article 16 of ITTA, 1994– Decision 5(XLII)

Pursuant to Article 16 of the ITTA, 1994, the Council may wish to consider the appointment of the Executive Director, as the tenure of the incumbent will expire on 5 November 2011.

Item 19 - Civil Society/Private Sector Partnership for Sustainable Forest Management – Decision 5(XXXIII)

Pursuant to its Decision 5(XXXIII), the Council will receive presentations on progress in the development of Civil Society/Private Sector Partnerships to help implement sustainable forest management and certification in Indonesia and Papua New Guinea.

Item 20 - ITTO Fellowship Programme – Decision 4(XXVII)

[Documents ITTC(XLVI)/13 and ITTC(XLVI)/14]

The Council may consider: (a) the progress report prepared by the Secretariat on the implementation of the ITTO Fellowship Programme, as called for in Decision 4(XXVII) [Document ITTC(XLVI)/13]; and (b) the report of the Fellowship Selection Panel presented by its Chairperson [Document ITTC(XLVI)/14]. The Council will announce the final selection of awards based on the Chairperson's report.

Item 21 - Annual Report for 2009

The Secretariat will present to the Council the Annual Report for 2009.

Item 22 - Special Account and Bali Partnership Fund

[Document ITTC(XLVI)/15]

- (a) Pledges to the Special Account and the Bali Partnership Fund

The Council may invite Members and Observers to announce any new contributions they may wish to pledge to the Special Account and the Bali Partnership Fund.

- (b) Report of the Panel on Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund

The Council will have before it the report of the Panel on Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund established under Decision 4(XXX) to consider actions/activities, pre-projects and projects that are eligible for

funding under Sub-Account B. The Council may consider and adopt the recommendations contained in the report [Document ITTC(XLVI/15)].

Item 23 - Reports of the Associated Sessions of the Committees

The Council will have before it the Reports of the Associated Sessions of the Committees presented by the respective Chairpersons. The Council may consider and adopt the recommendations contained in each of the Reports.

Item 24 - Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Council for 2011

The Council may decide after due consultations, to elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2011. Under Article 8 of the ITTA, 1994, the Council is required to elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for each calendar year. Under Article 8, paragraph 2, the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson, one from among the representatives of producing countries, and the other from among the representatives of the consuming countries, are required to alternate each year between the two categories of Members, provided, however, that this shall not prohibit the re-election to either or both under exceptional circumstances by Special Vote of the Council.

Item 25 - Dates and Venues of the Forty-seventh and Forty-eighth Sessions of the Council and the Associated Sessions of the Committees

In order to maintain the established practice of setting Session dates and venues eighteen months or more in advance to facilitate logistical arrangements, the Council may wish to set the dates and venues of its Forty-seventh and Forty-eighth Sessions.

The Council may wish to refer to the Chairperson's Proposal adopted at the Forty-fifth Session hereby reproduced for ease of reference:

Chair's Proposal

- The principle of rotation to hold Council meetings at headquarters or in a producer member country is confirmed.
- The holding of the Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh ITTC Sessions are not explicitly linked or dependent on the entry into force of the ITTA, 2006.
- A long-term solution concerning the financing of Council sessions outside the headquarters will be taken up at the Forty-sixth Session of the ITTC, taking into account the proposal of Brazil and Mexico presented at this Session.
- The Forty-sixth ITTC Session will be held in 2010 in Yokohama.
- We reconfirm that the Forty-seventh ITTC Session in 2011 will be held in Guatemala.
- Members in arrears shall strive to pay their arrears by the end of 2010.
- The Working Capital Account will be used to cover the costs of the Session outside the headquarters in 2011 up to an amount of US\$400,000, as it is expected that payments of arrears will replenish the Working capital Account in 2010.
- The Council shall consider holding the Forty-eighth ITTC Session in 2012 in a producer country.

Item 26 - Other Business

The Council may consider any matters brought under this item.

Item 27 - Decisions and Report of the Session

The Council shall consider the proposed decision(s) and adopt it/them accordingly. In accordance with Rule 33 of the Rules of Procedure, a report on the proceedings shall be prepared by the Executive Director and shall be circulated to all Members as soon as possible.

Through Decision 7(XXXIII) the Council adopted the following procedures for its decision making:

(a) The Council will give guidance to the Executive Director through the Council Chairperson on routine or non-controversial matters not having financial implications. This guidance will be included in the Report of the Session, not reflected as decisions of Council;

(b) In order for draft decisions by Members to be considered by Council, the following procedures will be adopted:

- In relation to the Provisional Agenda, Members submit proposals for Council decisions to the Executive Director for circulation to all Members not less than two weeks prior to Council. Each proposal contains three elements: the subject, the purpose of the decision, and the proposed action, including any financial implications. The Executive Director will not circulate incomplete proposals.
- Minus Day 1: The IAG considers the proposals for Council decisions from Members, as well as proposals from the Executive Director.
- Council Day 1: The Chairperson presents the proposals to Council as part of the IAG report.
- Day 2: The proposals for draft decisions are discussed in Caucuses and via informal consultations.
- Day 3: The Council decides the topics it will consider for decision; then the Chairperson, assisted by a small group and the Executive Director, develops preliminary draft decisions for circulation to and consideration by all Members.
- Day 4: The Chairperson's Open-Ended Drafting Group convenes to discuss and finalize draft decisions.
- Noon, Penultimate Day: Final decisions are submitted for translation. Decisions still under negotiation are deferred to the next Council Session.

The Council may wish to review the above procedures.

Item 28 - Closing of the Session

Following any final statements by Delegates, the Chairperson will close the Forty-sixth Session of the Council.

Annex

PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES FOR 2010

	<u>No. of Votes</u>	
	2009	2010 (Proposed)
<u>PRODUCING MEMBERS</u>		
Africa		
Cameroon	27	27
Central African Republic	26	27
Congo	26	27
Côte d'Ivoire	26	27
Democratic Republic of the Congo	26	28
Gabon	27	28
Ghana	26	27
Liberia	26	27
Nigeria	26	27
Togo	26	27
Asia & Pacific		
Cambodia	16	16
Fiji	14	14
India	28	28
Indonesia	90	88
Malaysia	109	112
Myanmar	44	45
Papua New Guinea	34	27
Philippines	15	15
Thailand	19	16
Vanuatu	13	13
Latin America/Caribbean		
Bolivia	25	25
Brazil	145	142
Colombia	24	24
Ecuador	15	15
Guatemala	11	11
Guyana	15	15
Honduras	11	11
Mexico	24	24
Panama	12	12
Peru	29	30
Suriname	14	14
Trinidad and Tobago	10	10
Venezuela	21	21
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Total:	1,000	1,000

	No. of Votes	
	2009	2010 (Proposed)
<u>CONSUMING MEMBERS</u>		
Australia	16	16
Canada	16	16
China	229	246
Egypt	16	17
European Union		
Austria	11	11
Belgium/Luxembourg	16	19
Denmark	13	13
Finland	10	10
France	38	38
Germany	20	21
Greece	12	12
Ireland	15	15
Italy	32	33
Netherlands	32	36
Poland	11	12
Portugal	18	17
Spain	30	28
Sweden	11	11
United Kingdom	32	31
Japan	190	184
Nepal	10	10
New Zealand	11	11
Norway	12	11
Republic of Korea	82	78
Switzerland	11	11
United States of America	106	93
	Total:	1,000
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