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ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 - Opening of the Session

The Forty-seventh Session of the Council will be opened by the Chairperson of the Council, Mr. Bilé Joachim Allogho (Gabon).

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(XLVII)/1/Rev.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 timetable 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(XLVII)/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 2011 [Document ITTC(XLVII)/1/Rev.1 Annex]

The proposed distribution of votes for the year 2011, 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 Biennial Administrative Budget for 2012-2013.

Item 7 - Admission of Observers [Document ITTC(XLVII)/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(XLVII)/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-fifth Meeting of the Informal Advisory Group (IAG), to be convened on Sunday, 13 November 2011.

The report of the Twenty-fifth Meeting of the IAG will be presented by the Chairperson, Mr. Bilé Joachim Allogho (Gabon).

Item 10 - Enhancing Cooperation between ITTO and CITES – Decisions 3(XVI), 7(XXXIV), 2(XXXVII) and 5(XLVI)

[Document ITTC(XLVII)/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 2011

[Document ITTC(XLVII)/5]

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

(i) Elements for the 2011 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 2011 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 2011 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(XLVII)/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 and approval to the ITTA, 2006 as contained in document ITTC(XLVII)/6.

Item 13 - ITTO Biennial Work Programme

[Documents ITTC(XLVII)/7 and ITTC(XLVII)/8]

- (a) The Council will receive the progress report on the implementation of the Biennial Work Programme for 2010–2011.
- (b) The Council will consider and approve the Biennial Work Programme for 2012–2013.

Item 14 - ITTO Thematic Programmes

[Document ITTC(XLVII)/9]

- (a) 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.

- (b) 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.

Item 15 - 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(XLVII)/10]

Pursuant to its Decisions 2(XXXIX), 1(XLI), and 2(XLIII) the Council will be updated on developments in the UNFCCC regarding forests.

Item 16 - ITTO/CBD Collaborative Initiative to Conserve Tropical Forests– Decision 6(XLVI)

[Document ITTC(XLVII)/11]

Pursuant to its Decision 6(XLVI), the Council will be updated on developments in the ITTO/Collaborative Initiative to conserve tropical forests.

Item 17 - International Year of Forests, 2011 and the 25th Anniversary of ITTO – Decision 3(XLVI)

[Document ITTC(XLVII)/12]

Pursuant to its Decision 3(XLVI) the Secretariat will report to the Council on ITTO activities undertaken in commemoration of the International Year of Forests, 2011 and the 25th Anniversary of ITTO's establishment.

Item 18 - The Role of ITTO in International and Regional Organizations and Fora – Decision 7(XXX)

- (a) Further to the Memorandum of Understanding established between ITTO and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to enhance collaboration between the two institutions, the Council will receive a report on the status of collaboration between ITTO and JICA.
- (b) The Council will be informed on collaboration between ITTO, FAO and the Inter-African Forest Industry Association (IFIA) on a strategy to promote the development of further processing of tropical timber in the Congo Basin ITTO member countries.

Item 19 - ITTO Fellowship Programme – Decision 4(XXVII)

[Documents ITTC(XLVII)/13 and ITTC(XLVII)/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(XLVII)/13]; and (b) the report of the Fellowship Selection Panel presented by its Chairperson [Document ITTC(XLVII)/14]. The Council will announce the final selection of awards based on the Chairperson's report.

Item 20 - Annual Report for 2010

The Secretariat will present to the Council the Annual Report for 2010.

Item 21 - Special Account and Bali Partnership Fund

[Document ITTC(XLVII)/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(XLVII/15)].

Item 22 - 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 23 - Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Council for 2012

The Council may decide after due consultations, to elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2012. 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 24 - Dates and Venues of the Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth Sessions of the Council and the Associated Sessions of the Committees – Decision 8(XLVI)

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-eighth and Forty-ninth Sessions.

Pursuant to its Decision 8(XLVI), the Council decided that its Forty-eighth Session will be convened in Yokohama, Japan, on 5-10 November 2012; and its Forty-ninth Session in Libreville, Gabon. The Council may wish to confirm the dates and venue of the Forty-eighth Session and set the dates for the Forty-ninth Session in Libreville, Gabon.

Item 25 - Other Business

The Council may consider any matters brought under this item.

Item 26 - 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 the Council.
- (b) In order for draft decisions by Members to be considered by the 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 the Council Session. 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 finalise 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 27 - Closing of the Session

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

Annex

PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES FOR 2011

	<u>No. of Votes</u>	
	2010	2011 (Proposed)
<u>PRODUCING MEMBERS</u>		
Africa		
Cameroon	27	28
Central African Republic	27	28
Congo	27	28
Côte d'Ivoire	27	28
Democratic Republic of the Congo	28	28
Gabon	28	28
Ghana	27	28
Liberia	27	28
Nigeria	27	28
Togo	27	27
Asia & Pacific		
Cambodia	16	16
Fiji	14	14
India	28	28
Indonesia	88	84
Malaysia	112	112
Myanmar	45	47
Papua New Guinea	27	26
Philippines	15	15
Thailand	16	17
Vanuatu	13	13
Latin America/Caribbean		
Bolivia	25	24
Brazil	142	144
Colombia	24	23
Ecuador	15	14
Guatemala	11	11
Guyana	15	15
Honduras	11	11
Mexico	24	24
Panama	12	11
Peru	30	29
Suriname	14	13
Trinidad and Tobago	10	10
Venezuela	21	20
Total:	1,000	1,000

	No. of Votes	
	2010	2011 (Proposed)
<u>CONSUMING MEMBERS</u>		
Australia	16	17
Canada	16	18
China	246	278
Egypt	17	20
European Union		
Austria	11	11
Belgium/Luxembourg	19	18
Denmark	13	13
Finland	10	10
France	38	37
Germany	21	21
Greece	12	11
Ireland	15	15
Italy	33	31
Netherlands	36	37
Poland	12	12
Portugal	17	16
Spain	28	24
Sweden	11	11
United Kingdom	31	30
Japan	184	177
Nepal	10	10
New Zealand	11	11
Norway	11	11
Republic of Korea	78	73
Switzerland	11	12
United States of America	93	76
Total:	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

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