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## ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### **Item 1 - Opening of the Session**

The Forty-eighth Session of the Council will be opened by the Chairperson of the Council.

### **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(XLVIII)/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(XLVIII)/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 2012**

[Document ITTC(XLVIII)/1 Annex]

The proposed distribution of votes for the year 2012, in accordance with Article 10(7) of the ITTA, 2006, is shown in the Annex of the Provisional Agenda (Document ITTC(XLVIII)/1). In accordance with Article 19(5) of the ITTA, 2006, this distribution of votes will be used for the assessment of the contribution of each Member to the Administrative Budget for the year 2013.

### **Item 7 - Admission of Observers**

[Document ITTC(XLVIII)/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(XLVIII)/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-sixth Meeting of the Informal Advisory Group (IAG), to be convened on Sunday, 4 November 2012.

The report of the Twenty-sixth Meeting of the IAG will be presented by the Chairperson.

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

[Document ITTC(XLVIII)/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 ITTO-CITES 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 2012**

[Document ITTC(XLVIII)/5]

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

(i) Elements for the 2012 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 2012 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 2012 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 27(3) of the ITTA, 2006.

**Item 12 - Entry into Force of the ITTA, 2006 – Decisions 3(XLI), 3(XLIII), 7(XLIV) and 3(XLV)**

[Document ITTC(XLVIII)/6]

The International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006 was adopted on 27 January 2006 in Geneva by the United Nations Conference for the Negotiations of a Successor Agreement to the International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1994. The ITTA, 2006 entered into force definitively on 7 December 2011 in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (1) of Article 39 of the Agreement.

- (a) 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(XLVIII)/6 Annex I.
- (b) In accordance with Article 37(1) of the ITTA, 2006, the Council will establish the conditions of Accession to the ITTA, 2006, including the time-limit for the deposit of instruments of accession.
- (c) In accordance with Article 26 of the ITTA, 2006, the Council shall establish the following Committees and determine the functions and scope of work of the Committees:
  - Committee on Forest Industry;
  - Committee on Economics, Statistics and Markets;
  - Committee on Reforestation and Forest Management; and
  - Committee on Finance and Administration.

The draft functions of the Committees as proposed by the Meeting on "Operational Modalities of the Future Work of the International Tropical Timber Council" convened in

Accra, Ghana on 9 – 12 June 2008, pursuant to ITTC Decision 6(XLIII) is contained in Annex VII of Document ITTC(XLVIII)/6

- (d) (i) In accordance with its Decision 3(XLIII), the Council approved the draft Rules of Procedure, as contained in document ITTC(XLVIII)/6 Annex VIII for consideration and final adoption at the first meeting of the ITTC under the ITTA, 2006. The Council may wish to finally adopt its new Rules of Procedure.
- (ii) The Council may wish to finally adopt its Financial Rules and Rules Relating to Projects of ITTO, as contained in document ITTC(XLVIII)/6 Annex IX which was approved under Decision 3(XLIII).

**Item 13 - ITTO Biennial Work Programme**  
[Documents ITTC(XLVIII)/7 and ITTC(XLVIII)/8]

- (a) The Council will receive the progress report on the implementation of the Biennial Work Programme for 2012–2013 as contained in Document ITTC(XLVIII)/7.
- (b) The Secretariat will present to the Council the ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2013 – 2014 with the view to streamlining the Biennial Work Programmes with the duration of the new ITTO Action Plan 2013 – 2018

**Item 14 - ITTO Thematic Programmes**  
[Documents ITTC(XLVIII)/9 and ITTC(XLVIII)/10]

- (a) The Council will receive the progress report on the status of implementation of the ITTO Thematic Programmes as contained in Document ITTC(XLVIII)/9.
- (b) The Council will receive the report on the Review of Implementation of the pilot phase of the ITTO Thematic Programmes [Document ITTC(XLVIII)/10]

**Item 15 - ITTO Action Plan 2013 – 2018 – Decision 3(XLVII)**  
[Documents ITTC(XLVIII)/11 and ITTC(XLVIII)/11/Info]

The Council will receive and consider the draft ITTO Action Plan covering the period 2013 – 2018 prepared by the Working Group comprising six members from producer countries, six members from consumer countries, one representative from the Civil Society Advisory Group (CSAG) and one from the Trade and Industry Advisory Group (TAG).

**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)**  
[Document ITTC(XLVIII)/12]

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

**Item 17 - ITTO/CBD Collaborative Initiative to Conserve Tropical Forests– Decision 6(XLVI)**  
[Document ITTC(XLVIII)/13]

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

**Item 18 - ITTO Fellowship Programme – Decision 4(XXVII)**  
[Documents ITTC(XLVIII)/14 and ITTC(XLVIII)/15]

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(XLVIII)/14]; and (b) the report of the Fellowship Selection Panel presented by its Chairperson [Document ITTC(XLVIII)/15]. The Council will announce the final selection of awards based on the Chairperson's report.

**Item 19 - Annual Report for 2011**

The Secretariat will present to the Council the Annual Report for 2011.

**Item 20 - Special Account and Bali Partnership Fund**  
[Document ITTC(XLVIII)/16]

- (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(XLVIII)/16].

**Item 21 - 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 22 - Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Council for 2013**

The Council may decide after due consultations, to elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2013. Under Article 8 of the ITTA, 2006, 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 producer countries, and the other from among the representatives of the consumer 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 23 - Dates and Venues of the Forty-ninth and Fiftieth 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-ninth and Fiftieth Sessions.

Pursuant to its Decision 8(XLVI), the Council decided that its Forty-ninth Session will be convened in Libreville, Gabon on 25 – 30 November 2013. The Council may wish to confirm the dates and venue of the Forty-ninth Session and set the dates for the Fiftieth Session to be convened in Yokohama, Japan.

**Item 24 - Other Business**

The Council may consider any matters brought under this item.

**Item 25 - 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 26 - Closing of the Session**

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

**Annex**

**PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES FOR 2012**

**PRODUCER MEMBERS & POTENTIAL MEMBERS**

	<u>No. of Votes</u>
<b>Africa</b>	
Benin	33
Cameroon	33
Central African Republic */	
Congo	33
Côte d'Ivoire	33
Democratic Republic of the Congo	34
Gabon	34
Ghana	33
Liberia	33
Madagascar */	
Mali	33
Nigeria */	
Togo	33
<b>Asia &amp; Pacific</b>	
Cambodia	23
Fiji	17
India	47
Indonesia	114
Malaysia	130
Myanmar	54
Papua New Guinea	47
Philippines	20
Thailand **/	
Vanuatu **/	
<b>Latin America/Caribbean</b>	
Bolivia **/	
Brazil */	
Colombia */	
Ecuador	27
Guatemala	21
Guyana	27
Honduras	21
Mexico	47
Panama	21
Paraguay */	
Peru	52
Suriname **/	
Trinidad and Tobago **/	
Venezuela **/	
Total:	1,000

\*/ Countries that have signed the ITTA, 2006 but have not yet ratified the Agreement.

\*\*/ Countries that were members under the ITTA, 1994 but have not yet taken any action towards the ratification of the ITTA, 2006



	<u>No. of Votes</u> 2012
<u>CONSUMER MEMBERS</u>	
Albania	10
Australia	16
Canada	15
China	241
European Union	<b>393</b>
Austria	11
Belgium	15
Bulgaria	11
Cyprus	10
Czech Republic	12
Denmark	12
Estonia	10
Finland	10
France	32
Germany	19
Greece	11
Hungary	10
Ireland	14
Italy	28
Latvia	10
Lithuania	10
Luxembourg	10
Malta	11
Netherlands	31
Poland	11
Portugal	15
Romania	10
Slovakia	11
Slovenia	10
Spain	22
Sweden	11
United Kingdom	26
Japan	156
New Zealand	11
Norway	10
Republic of Korea	64

Switzerland	12
United States of America	<u>72</u>

Total: 1,000