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ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 - Opening of the Session

The Forty-ninth 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(XLIX)/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

[Document ITTC(XLIX)/3, ITTC(XLIX)/13 and ITTC(XLIX)/14]

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

Item 5 - Report of the Credentials Committee

[Document ITTC(XLIX)/4]

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 2013

[Document ITTC(XLIX)/1 Annex]

The proposed distribution of votes for the year 2013, in accordance with Article 10(7) of the ITTA, 2006, is shown in the Annex of the Provisional Agenda (Document ITTC(XLIX)/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 2014.

Item 7 - Admission of Observers

[Document ITTC(XLIX)/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(XLIX)/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-seventh Meeting of the Informal Advisory Group (IAG), to be convened on Sunday, 24 November 2013.

The report of the Twenty-seventh 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(XLIX)/5]

- (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 - Matters Related to Article 14 of the ITTA, 2006

Pursuant to its Decision 3(XXV) Annex on procedures for the appointment of the Executive Director of ITTO and its subsequent Decisions 5(XLII) and 2(XLVI) which appointed and renewed the mandate of the current Executive Director with effect from 6 November 2011 to 5 November 2015, the Council may wish to decide on procedures for the appointment of the next Executive Director whose tenure of office would begin on 6 November 2015.

Item 12 - Progress Report on the Implementation of the BWP 2013 – 2014

[Document ITTC(XLIX)/6]

The Council will receive the progress report on the implementation of the Biennial WorkProgramme for 2013–2014 as contained in Document ITTC(XLIX)/6.

Item 13 - Progress Report on the Implementation of the ITTO Thematic Programmes

[Documents ITTC(XLIX)/7]

The Council will receive the progress report on the status of implementation of the ITTO Thematic Programmes as contained in Document ITTC(XLIX)/7.

Item 14 - 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(XLIX)/8]

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

Item 15 - ITTO/CBD Collaborative Initiative to Conserve Tropical Forests– Decision 6(XLVI)

[Document ITTC(XLIX)/9]

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

Item 16 - ITTO Fellowship Programme – Decision 4(XXVII)

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

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(XLIX)/10]; and (b) the report of the Fellowship Selection Panel presented by its Chairperson [Document ITTC(XLIX)/11]. The Council will announce the final selection of awards based on the Chairperson's report.

Item 17 - Draft Annual Report for 2012

The Secretariat will present to the Council the draft Annual Report for 2012.

Item 18 - Special Account and Bali Partnership Fund

[Document ITTC(XLIX)/12]

- (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(XLIX)/12].

Item 19 - 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 20 - Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Council for 2014

The Council may decide after due consultations, to elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2014. 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 21 - Dates and Venues of the Fiftieth and Fifty-first 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 Fiftieth and Fifty-first Sessions.

At its Forty-eighth Session convened in Yokohama, Japan, the Council decided that its Fiftieth Session would be convened in Yokohama, Japan on 3 – 8 November 2014. The Council may wish to confirm the dates and venue of the Fiftieth Session and set the dates and venue for its Fifty-first Session to be convened in 2015.

Item 22 - Other Business

The Council may consider any matters brought under this item.

Item 23 - 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 24 - Closing of the Session

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

Annex

PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES FOR 2013

PRODUCER MEMBERS & POTENTIAL MEMBERS

	<u>No. of Votes</u>
Africa	
Benin	25
Cameroon	26
Central African Republic */	
Congo	25
Côte d'Ivoire	25
Democratic Republic of the Congo	26
Gabon	26
Ghana	25
Liberia	25
Madagascar */	
Mali	25
Mozambique	26
Nigeria */	
Togo	25
Asia & Pacific	
Cambodia	21
Fiji	18
India	32
Indonesia	83
Malaysia	126
Myanmar	53
Papua New Guinea	41
Philippines	18
Thailand **/	
Vanuatu **/	
Latin America/Caribbean	
Bolivia **/	
Brazil	143
Colombia	26
Costa Rica	13
Ecuador	19
Guatemala	13
Guyana	17
Honduras	13
México	27
Panamá	14
Paraguay */	
Peru	32
Suriname **/	
Trinidad and Tobago	12
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.

	<u>No. of Votes</u>
<u>CONSUMER MEMBERS</u>	
Albania	10
Australia	16
China	253
European Union	395
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	32
Poland	11
Portugal	15
Romania	10
Slovakia	11
Slovenia	10
Spain	23
Sweden	11
United Kingdom	26
Japan	157
New Zealand	11
Norway	10
Republic of Korea	66
Switzerland	12
United States of America	<u>70</u>
Total:	1,000