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25 - 30 November 2013  
Libreville, Gabon

### DECISION 7(XLIX)

#### CONSIDERATION OF REGIONAL ITTO PRESENCE AND REPRESENTATION

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Paragraph 5 of Article 3 of ITTA, 2006;

Acknowledging the services provided to Members by the Secretariat through the ITTO Regional Officers for Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean, under the management of the Executive Director, in relation to the project cycle, thematic programmes and the general representation of the Organization;

Reaffirming the need to continue enhancing the efficiency and productivity of the Organization as a whole, and the need to reduce overhead costs as far as possible;

Noting the request by a number of ITTO Members at the Forty-ninth Session of the ITTC for considering the possible role and objectives, feasibility and budgetary implications of strengthening regional representation, *inter alia* through the possibility of establishing regional offices;

Further noting Gabon's generous offer at the Forty-ninth Session of the ITTC to host an African Regional Office;

Decides to:

1. Hold a discussion on the issue of ITTO's regional presence and representation during the Fiftieth Council Session in Yokohama;
2. Invite Members to submit to the ITTO Secretariat by 30 June 2014 views on the possible role and objectives, feasibility, and budgetary implications of strengthening ITTO's regional presence; and
3. Requests the ITTO Secretariat to compile Members' submissions in advance of the Fiftieth Session of the ITTC and to prepare a concise background paper summarizing ITTO's experience with regional representation.

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