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Results of the initial review of applications of Observers to the Fifty-second Session of the ITTC for compliance with the requirements under Decision 3(LI)

In accordance with Decision 3(LI) on ‘Matters related to admission of observers’, operative paragraph 1, applications of observers for admission to the 52nd ITTC have to include the following elements:

- Description on relevance of the applicants to the objectives of the ITTA, 2006; and
- Declaration of acceptance of the Guidelines as set out in the Annex [to Decision 3(LI)]

In accordance with operative paragraph 2 of the decision, the Executive Director has reviewed applications for compliance with the requirements, and the results are presented in the table below together with information on any previous ITTC session that observers have been approved to attend. The table includes all applications from observers received by the Secretariat up to the deadline for posting this document two weeks prior to the 52nd ITTC Session (note that the deadline for observer applications to be submitted to the Secretariat was 10 October 2016).

Institute/Organization	Country	Information as required under Decision 3(LI) provided		Approved at previous session
		Description of relevance to ITTA, 2006	Declaration of acceptance of Guidelines	
ASUMADU, Pty Ltd	Australia	Yes	Yes	35 th ITTC
Kathak Academy	Bangladesh	Yes	Yes	n/a
The African Women’s Network for Community Management of Forests (REFACOF)	Cameroon	Yes	Yes	49 th ITTC
TIKO COUNCIL	Cameroon	No	Yes*	n/a
Asia-Pacific Network for Sustainable Forest Management and Rehabilitation (APFNet)	China	Yes	Yes	51 st ITTC
Programme Integre pour le Développement du People Pygmee au Kivu (PIDP-SHIRIKA LA BAMBUTI)	Democratic Republic of Congo	Yes	Yes	n/a
Friends of the Earth	Japan	Yes	Yes	1 st ITTC
International Christian University (ICU)	Japan	Yes	Yes	n/a
Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)	Japan	Yes	Yes	43 rd ITTC
TRAFFIC	Malaysia	Yes	Yes	35 th ITTC
Bell Evergreen	Nigeria	Yes	Yes	n/a
Firstroydex Ventures Limited	Nigeria	No	Yes	n/a
Forestry Association of Nigeria	Nigeria	No	Yes	n/a
Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria	Nigeria	Yes	Yes	n/a
Ogun State Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Mines and Agriculture	Nigeria	No	No	n/a
International Wood Products Association (IWPA)	U.S.A.	Yes	Yes	8 th ITTC

* One out of three applicants declared acceptance of guidelines.