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REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL (Item 4 of the Provisional Agenda)

1. The Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, of the United Nations notified the Secretariat that on 27 October 2016, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in his capacity as depositary of the International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006, received from the Government of Madagascar the instrument of ratification to the ITTA, 2006. Madagascar, therefore, became the Seventy-third Party to the International Tropical Timber Agreement on 27 October 2016 as a "Producing Member".
2. In accordance with Article 19, paragraph 6, of the International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006, Madagascar's initial contribution to the Administrative Budget shall be assessed by the Council on the basis of the number of votes to be held by Madagascar for the period remaining in the current financial year.
3. In accordance with Article 10 of the ITTA, 2006, on "Distribution of Votes", Madagascar is allocated a total of 21 votes for 2016 and the period remaining in the 2016 financial year after becoming a member was 66 days. Therefore, the assessed contribution of Madagascar for 2016 is **US\$13,135.42**{i.e. $(\$3,468,661 \div 1,000) \times 21 \text{ votes} \times (66 \div 366 \text{ days})$ } and for 2017 is **US\$69,697.32**{i.e. $(\$3,318,920 \div 1,000) \times 21 \text{ votes}$ }.
4. The membership of the Organization now comprises Thirty-five (35) Producing members and Thirty-eight (38) Consuming members, including the European Union.

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