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ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 **Opening of the Session**

The Sixtieth Session of the Council will be opened by the Chairperson of the Council, Ms. Anna Tyler from New Zealand.

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(LX)/1 Rev.2]

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 the due consultations in the Chairperson's Bureau meetings, which will issue the timetable daily and at more frequent intervals as necessary.

Item 4 **Report on Membership of the Council** [Document ITTC(LX)/13]

The Executive Director will report on the status of membership of the Council as contained in Document ITTC(LX)/13.

Item 5 **Distribution of Votes for the 2024-2025 Biennium** [Document ITTC(LX)/1 Rev.2 Annex]

The distribution of votes for the 2024 – 2025 biennium is shown in the Annex of the Provisional Agenda [Document ITTC(LX)/1 Rev.2]. The distribution of votes shall remain in effect for the rest of the biennium, except whenever the membership of the Organization changes or when any member has its voting rights suspended or restored, in which case the Council shall redistribute the votes within the affected category or categories. The distribution of votes for the 2024-2025 biennium was approved by the 59th ITTC in Pattaya, Thailand.

In accordance with Article 19(4) of the ITTA, 2006, the approved distribution of votes will be used for the assessment of the contribution of each Member to the Administrative Budget for the 2024 – 2025 biennium.

Item 6 **Admission of Observers** [Documents ITTC(LX)/Info.3 and ITTC(LX)/Info.4]

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.

In accordance with Decision 3(LI), operative paragraphs 2 and 3, the Executive Director has reviewed applications for compliance with respective requirements and the results of the initial review will be published on the ITTO website two weeks prior to the Council Session.

The Council will consider the admission of Observers in accordance with Article 16 of the ITTA, 2006 taking into consideration the initial review.

Item 7 **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 8 **Report of the Informal Advisory Group (IAG) – Decisions 3(XXII), 5(XXVI), 2(XLIX) and 2(LI)**
[Document ITTC(LX)/2]

Pursuant to Decisions 3(XXII), 5(XXVI), 2(XLIX) and 2(LI), and in order to organize its work for the Session, the Council may consider the report of the Thirty-eighth Meeting of the Informal Advisory Group (IAG) as contained in Document ITTC(LX)/2. The report will be presented to the Council by the Chairperson.

Item 9 **Report of the Credentials Committee**
[Document ITTC(LX)/3]

The Council may consider and adopt the Report of the Credentials Committee and approve the credentials of delegations.

Item 10 **Matters related to Article 19 of the ITTA, 2006 on the Administrative Account – Decisions 3(LVII) and 4(LIX)**

The Chairperson will draw the attention of members to Decision 4(LIX) on the Management of the Administrative Budget. The Chairperson will then invite the Executive Director to introduce this item.

Item 11 **Matters pertaining to Article 44 of ITTA, 2006 – Decisions 4(LVII) and 5(LIX)**
[Document ITTC(LX)/5]

The Council will receive the report of the Preparatory Working Group on the implementation of Decision 5(LIX) on matters pertaining to Article 44 of the ITTA, 2006, including recommendations from the PWG on the modalities for the ITTA, 2006 review process, including format (including whether virtual or in-person), timing and location/s of proposed meetings guided by the indicative Roadmap Scenario 1.

Item 12 **Matters related to the Appointment of the Executive Director – Decisions 8(LII), 6(LIV), 5(LVI) and 6(LVII)**

Pursuant to Decision 8(LII), Annex, paragraph (8), ‘the Executive Director shall ensure that the issue of appointment of the Executive Director is on the agenda of the Council Session that occurs at least one year before the end of his or her term.’ The end of the current term is 31 January 2026. Pursuant to Decision 6(LVII) the term of the appointment may be extended for up to 2 years if approved by Council.

Item 13 **ITTO Biennial Work Programme – Decisions 9(XXXIV) and 3(LIX)**
[Documents ITTC(LX)/6 Rev.1 and ITTC(LX)/7]

The Council will receive the progress report on the implementation of the ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025. The Council will also receive updates/reports on selected BWP activities, including the fellowship programme as will be informed in the provisional programme of meetings and activities.

Item 14 **Matters related to Article 15 of the ITTA, 2006 on cooperation and coordination with other organizations – Decision 7(LVII)**

The Council will receive an update on the implementation of Decision 7(LVII) on matters related to Article 15 of the ITTA, 2006 on cooperation and coordination with other organizations.

Item 15 **Special Account and Bali Partnership Fund**
[Document ITTC(LX)/9]

- (a) Pledges to the Special Account and the Bali Partnership Fund.
The Chairperson 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 decide whether it is necessary for the Panel on Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund established under Decision 4(XXX) to meet during the session, taking account of the resources available. If the panel does meet during the Session 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 its report [Document ITTC(LX)/9].

Item 16 **Implementation of ITTO's New Financing Architecture, Phase II – Decisions 4(LVI), 5(LIV) and 8(LVII)**
[Documents ITTC(LX)/10 and ITTC(LX)/11]

In accordance with Decision 8(LVII), the Council will receive the progress report on the implementation of ITTO's new financing architecture, Phase II as contained in Document ITTC(LX)/10. Council will also receive the report on the review under Decision 5(LIV) of the effectiveness of the operation of ITTO's financing architecture (Programmatic Approach and Lines), as contained in Document ITTC(LX)/11.

Item 17 **Biennial Review and Assessment of the World Timber Situation 2023-2024**
[Document ITTC(LX)/12]

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

- (a) Elements for the 2023-24 Biennial Review and Assessment of the International Timber Situation
The Secretariat will present the draft Review as contained in Document ITTC(LX)/12, comprising 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 2023-24 Biennial 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.
- (b) A presentation by the Secretariat
Using various sources of information including the Elements for the 2023-24 Biennial Review, the presentation will give an overview of the world timber situation, focusing on tropical timber, including recent market 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 its format of presentation) that 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 18 **Reports 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 19 **Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Council for 2025**

The Council may decide after due consultations, to elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2025. Under Article 8 of the ITTA, 2006, the Council is required to elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for each calendar year, one from among the representatives of producer countries, and the other from among the representatives of the consumer countries. Under Article 8, paragraph 3, these offices are required to alternate each year between the two categories of Members, provided, however, that this shall not prohibit the re-election of either or both, under exceptional circumstances by the Council.

Item 20 **Dates and Venues of the Sixty-first and Sixty-second Sessions of the Council and the Associated Sessions of the Committees**

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 reconfirm/set the dates and venues of its Sixty-first and Sixty-second Sessions.

Item 21 **Decisions and Report of the Session**

The Council shall consider the proposed Decision(s) and adopt it/them in accordance with the procedures and modalities governing the Fifty-eighth Session of the Council in line with the ITTA, 2006 and the ITTO Rules of Procedure, as adopted under Agenda Item 10. In accordance with Rule 33 of the Rules of Procedure, a report on the proceedings shall be prepared by the Secretariat and shall be circulated to all Members as soon as possible.

Item 22 **Closing of the Session**

Following any final statements by Delegates, the Chairperson will close the Sixtieth Session of the Council.

Annex

DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES FOR 2024-2025 BIENNIUM

PRODUCER MEMBERS

	<u>2023</u> <u>No. of Votes</u>	2024/2025 Biennium <u>No. of Votes</u>
Africa		
Angola	21	21
Benin	21	20
Cameroon	21	21
Central African Republic	21	21
Congo	21	21
Côte d'Ivoire	21	20
Democratic Republic of the Congo	21	21
Gabon	21	21
Ghana	21	21
Liberia	21	20
Madagascar	21	20
Mali	21	20
Mozambique	21	21
Togo	21	20
Asia & Pacific		
Cambodia	21	22
Fiji	14	14
India	28	28
Indonesia	93	95
Malaysia	72	61
Myanmar	26	25
Papua New Guinea	44	42
Philippines	15	15
Thailand	52	47
Vietnam	16	24
Latin America/Caribbean		
Brazil	122	134
Colombia	23	23
Costa Rica	13	12
Ecuador	19	21
Guatemala	12	12
Guyana	15	15
Honduras	12	12
México	24	24
Panamá	13	13
Peru	27	27
Suriname	15	16
Trinidad and Tobago	10	10
Venezuela	20	20
TOTAL:	1,000	1,000

CONSUMER MEMBERS

	<u>2023</u> <u>No. of Votes</u>	<u>2024/2025 Biennium</u> <u>No. of Votes</u>
Albania	10	10
Australia	16	15
Canada	15	15
China	305	320
European Union	337	318
Austria	10	10
Belgium	15	15
Bulgaria	10	10
Croatia	10	10
Cyprus	10	10
Czech Republic	11	11
Denmark	11	11
Estonia	10	10
Finland	10	10
France	25	22
Germany	19	19
Greece	11	11
Hungary	10	10
Ireland	13	13
Italy	19	19
Latvia	10	10
Lithuania	10	10
Luxembourg	10	10
Malta	10	10
Netherlands	25	21
Poland	11	11
Portugal	13	13
Romania	10	10
Slovakia	10	10
Slovenia	10	10
Spain	13	12
Sweden	11	11
Japan	130	113
New Zealand	11	11
Norway	10	10
Republic of Korea	66	60
Switzerland	11	11
United Kingdom	28	27
United States of America	76	79
TOTAL:	1,000	1,000