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ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 **Opening of the Session**

The Sixty-first Session of the Council will be opened by the Chairperson of the Council.

Item 2 **Ascertainment of 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(LXI)/1]

The Council may 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 Coordinating Bureau, which will issue the timetable daily and at more frequent intervals as necessary.

Item 4 **Report on Membership of the Council**

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

Item 5 **Proposed Distribution of Votes for the 2026-2027 Biennium** [Document ITTC(LXI)/1 Annex]

The proposed distribution of votes for the 2026 – 2027 biennium, in accordance with Article 10(7) of the ITTA, 2006, is in the Annex of the Provisional Agenda [Document ITTC(LXI)/1]. 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.

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 2026 – 2027 biennium.

Item 6 **Admission of Observers** [Documents ITTC(LXI)/Info.3 and ITTC(LXI)/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 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 was 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(LXI)/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-ninth Meeting of the Informal Advisory Group (IAG) as contained in Document ITTC(LXI)/2. The report will be presented to the Council by the Chairperson.

Item 9 **Report of the Credentials Committee**
[Document ITTC(LXI)/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), 4(LVIII) and 4(LX)**
[Document ITTC(LXI)/4]

The Council will receive the report of the Preparatory Working Group (PWG) established under Decision 4(LVIII) and extended for one year under Decision 4(LX). The report will be presented to the Council by the PWG Co-Chairs.

Item 12 **ITTO Biennial Work Programme – Decisions 9(XXXIV) and 3(LIX)**
[Documents ITTC(LXI)/5, ITTC(LXI)/6 and ITTC(LXI)/7]

- (a) The Council will receive the progress report on the implementation of the ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2024-2025 as contained in Document ITTC(LXI)/5. The Council will also receive updates/reports on selected BWP activities, including the cooperation between ITTO and CITES, and the report of the fellowship programme [Document ITTC(LXI)/6] as will be informed in the provisional programme of meetings and activities.
- (b) The Secretariat will present to the Council the Draft ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2026 – 2027 as contained in Document ITTC(LXI)/7.

Item 13 **Matters related to Article 15 of the ITTA, 2006 on cooperation and coordination with other organizations – Decision 7(LVII)**
[Document ITTC(LXI)/8]

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 as contained in Document ITTC(LXI)/8.

Item 14 **Special Account and Bali Partnership Fund**
[Document ITTC(LXI)/9]

- (a) Pledges to the Special Account and the Bali Partnership Fund.
The Chairperson will 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(LXI)/9].

Item 15 **Implementation of ITTO's New Financing Architecture, Phase II – Decision 4(LVI) and 8(LVII)**
[Document ITTC(LXI)/10]

In accordance with Decision 8(LVII), the Council will receive the second progress report on the implementation of ITTO's new financing architecture, Phase II as contained in Document ITTC(LXI)/10.

Item 16 **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 17 **Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Council for 2026**

The Council may decide after due consultations, to elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2026. 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 18 **Dates and Venues of the Sixty-second and Sixty-third 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-second and Sixty-third Sessions.

Item 19 **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 Sixty-first 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 20 **Closing of the Session**

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

Annex

PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES FOR 2026-2027 BIENNIUM

<u>PRODUCER MEMBERS</u>	<u>2025 No. of Votes</u>	<u>2026/2027 Biennium No. of Votes</u>
Africa		
Angola	21	21
Benin	20	20
Cameroon	21	21
Central African Republic	21	21
Congo	21	21
Côte d'Ivoire	20	21
Democratic Republic of the Congo	21	21
Gabon	21	21
Ghana	21	21
Liberia	20	20
Madagascar	20	21
Mali	20	21
Mozambique	21	21
Togo	20	20
Asia & Pacific		
Cambodia	22	22
Fiji	14	14
India	28	28
Indonesia	95	100
Malaysia	61	45
Myanmar	25	24
Papua New Guinea	42	39
Philippines	15	15
Thailand	47	48
Vietnam	24	37
Latin America/Caribbean		
Brazil	134	133
Colombia	23	23
Costa Rica	12	12
Ecuador	21	20
Guatemala	12	12
Guyana	15	15
Honduras	12	12
Mexico	24	24
Panama	13	13
Peru	27	27
Suriname	16	16
Trinidad and Tobago	10	10
Venezuela	20	20
TOTAL:	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

CONSUMER MEMBERS

	2025	2026/2027 Biennium
	<u>No. of Votes</u>	<u>No. of Votes</u>
Albania	10	10
Australia	15	15
Canada	15	15
China	320	336
European Union	329	323
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	22	22
Germany	19	17
Greece	11	11
Hungary	10	10
Ireland	13	12
Italy	19	19
Latvia	10	10
Lithuania	10	10
Luxembourg	10	10
Malta	10	10
Netherlands	21	18
Poland	11	11
Portugal	13	13
Romania	10	10
Slovakia	10	10
Slovenia	10	10
Spain	12	12
Sweden	11	11
Japan	113	102
New Zealand	11	11
Norway	10	10
Republic of Korea	60	63
Switzerland	11	11
United Kingdom	27	22
United States of America	79	82
TOTAL:	1,000	1,000