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ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 - Opening of the Session

The Fiftieth Session of the Council will be opened by the Chairperson of the Council.

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(L)/1]

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 undertake due consultations in the Chairperson's Coordinating Bureau, issuing the time-table daily and at more frequent intervals as necessary.

Item 4 - Report on Membership of the Council

[Document ITTC(L)/3, ITTC(L)/4 and ITTC(L)/16]

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

Item 5 - Report of the Credentials Committee

[Document ITTC(L)/5]

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

Item 6 - Proposed Re-distribution of Votes for 2013 – 2014 Biennium

[Document ITTC(L)/1 Annex]

The proposed re-distribution of votes for the 2013 – 2014 biennium, in accordance with Article 10(7) of the ITTA, 2006, is shown in the Annex of the Provisional Agenda (Document ITTC(L)/1). The distribution of votes for the current biennium was adopted in 2013 and in accordance with Article 10(7) 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 2014, two new members in the Producer category acceded to the Agreement. These are the Suriname (28 February 2014), and Vietnam (10 April 2014). The votes within the Producer category have consequently been re-distributed. The Council may wish to adopt the re-distributed votes.

In accordance with Article 19(6) of the ITTA, 2006, the assessed contributions of Suriname and Vietnam shall be on the basis of the number of votes to be held by them and the period remaining in the 2013-2014 biennium, but the assessment made upon other members for the same biennium shall not be altered.

Item 7 - Admission of Observers

[Document ITTC(L)/Info.3]

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.

Item 8 - 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 9 - Report of the Informal Advisory Group (IAG) – Decisions 3(XXII), 5(XXVI) and 2(XLIX)
[Document ITTC(L)/2]

Pursuant to Decisions 3(XXII), 5(XXVI) and 2(XLIX), and in order to organize its work for the Session, the Council may consider the report of the Twenty-eighth Meeting of the Informal Advisory Group (IAG), to be convened on Sunday, 2 November 2014.

The report of the Twenty-eighth Meeting of the IAG will be presented to the Council by the Chairperson.

Item 10 - Enhancing Cooperation between ITTO and CITES – Decisions 3(XVI), 7(XXXIV), 2(XXXVII) and 5(XLVI)
[Document ITTC(L)/6]

- (a) Pursuant to its Decision 3(XVI) the Council may arrange consultations on Members' proposals to list internationally traded tropical timber species in the CITES Appendices which have been reported to the Secretariat since the last Session.
- (b) The Council will receive a report on the implementation of the ITTO-CITES programme to improve country capacity to implement CITES listings of tropical timber species.

Item 11 - Biennial Review and Assessment of the International Timber Situation in 2013 – 2014
[Document ITTC(L)/7]

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

- (i) Elements for the 2013 and 2014 Biennial Review and Assessment of the International Timber Situation

This is prepared by the Secretariat and comprises 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 2013 and 2014 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.

- (ii) A General Introductory Statement by the Secretariat

Using various sources of information including the Elements for the 2013 and 2014 Biennial Review, the Statement will give an overview of the world timber situation, focusing on tropical timber, including recent 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 the format of presentation 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 12 - Matters Related to Article 14 of the ITTA, 2006– Decision 3(XLIX)
[Document ITTC(L)/8]

Pursuant to its Decision 3(XLIX), the Council will receive the report of the Panel established to examine the applications for the position of Executive Director. The Council will discuss the indicative short list of candidates prepared by the panel and proceed to select the next Executive Director, if not by consensus, by Special vote in accordance with Articles 12 and 14 of the ITTA, 2006.

Item 13 - ITTO Biennial Work Programme – Decision 9(XXXIV)

[Documents ITTC(L)/9 and ITTC(L)/10]

- (a) The Council will receive the progress report on the implementation of the Biennial Work Programme for 2013–2014 as contained in Document ITTC(L)/9
- (b) The Secretariat will present to the Council the ITTO Biennial Work Programme 2015 – 2016 as contained in Document ITTC(L)/10

Item 14 - Progress Report on the Implementation of the ITTO Thematic Programmes

[Documents ITTC(L)/11]

The Council will receive the progress report on the status of implementation of the ITTO Thematic Programmes as contained in Document ITTC(L)/11.

Item 15 - Developments in the UNFCCC Regarding Forests and their Potential Implications for Tropical Forests and the World Tropical Timber Economy – Decisions 2(XXXIX), 1(XLI) and 2(XLIII)

[Document ITTC(L)/12]

Pursuant to its Decisions 2(XXXIX), 1(XLI), and 2(XLIII), the Council will be updated on developments in the UNFCCC regarding forests.

Item 16 - ITTO/CBD Collaborative Initiative to Conserve Tropical Forests– Decision 6(XLVI)

[Document ITTC(L)/13]

Pursuant to its Decision 6(XLVI), the Council will be updated on developments in the ITTO/CBD Collaborative Initiative to conserve tropical forests.

Item 17 - Consideration of Regional ITTO Presence and Representation Decision 7(XLIX)

[Document ITTC(L)/14]

Pursuant to its Decision 7(XLIX), the Council requested the Secretariat to invite member countries to submit to the ITTO Secretariat views on the possible role and objectives, feasibility and budgetary implications of strengthening ITTO's regional presence. The Secretariat will present to the Council compilation of members' submission together with a concise background paper summarizing ITTO's experience with regional representation (Document ITTC(L)/16).

Item 18 - ITTO Fellowship Programme – Decision 4(XXVII)

[Documents ITTC(L)/15 and ITTC(L)/16]

The Council may consider: (a) the progress report prepared by the Secretariat on the implementation of the ITTO Fellowship Programme, as called for in Decision 4(XXVII) [Document ITTC(L)/15]; and (b) the report of the Fellowship Selection Panel presented by its Chairperson [Document ITTC(L)/16]. The Council will announce the final selection of awards based on the Chairperson's report.

Item 19 - Draft Annual Report for 2013

The Secretariat will present to the Council the draft Annual Report for 2013.

Item 20 - Special Account and Bali Partnership Fund

[Document ITTC(L)/17]

- (a) Pledges to the Special Account and the Bali Partnership Fund.

The Council 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 have before it the report of the Panel on Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund established under Decision 4(XXX) 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 the report [Document ITTC(L)/17].

Item 21 - Reports of the Associated Sessions 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 22 - Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Council for 2015

The Council may decide after due consultations, to elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2015. Under Article 8 of the ITTA, 2006, the Council is required to elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for each calendar year. Under Article 8, paragraph 2, the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson, one from among the representatives of producer countries, and the other from among the representatives of the consumer countries, are required to alternate each year between the two categories of Members, provided, however, that this shall not prohibit the re-election to either or both under exceptional circumstances by Special Vote of the Council.

Item 23 - Dates and Venues of the Fifty-first and Fifty-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 set the dates and venues of its Fifty-first and Fifty-second Sessions.

At its Forty-ninth Session convened in Libreville, Gabon, the Council decided that its Fifty-first Session would be convened in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 16 – 21 November 2015. The Council may wish to confirm the dates and venue of the Fifty-first Session and set the dates and venue for its Fifty-second Session to be convened in 2016.

Item 24 - Other Business

The Council may consider any matters brought under this item.

Item 25 - Decisions and Report of the Session

The Council shall consider the proposed Decision(s) and adopt it/them accordingly. In accordance with Rule 33 of the Rules of Procedure, a report on the proceedings shall be prepared by the Executive Director and shall be circulated to all Members as soon as possible.

Through Decision 7(XXXIII) the Council adopted the following procedures for its decision making:

- (a) The Council will give guidance to the Executive Director through the Council Chairperson on routine or non-controversial matters not having financial implications. This guidance will be included in the Report of the Session, not reflected as decisions of the Council.
- (b) In order for draft decisions by Members to be considered by the Council, the following procedures will be adopted:
 - In relation to the Provisional Agenda, Members submit proposals for Council decisions to the Executive Director for circulation to all Members not less than two weeks prior to the Council Session. Each proposal contains three elements: the subject, the purpose of the decision, and the proposed action, including any financial implications. The Executive Director will not circulate incomplete proposals.
 - Minus Day 1: The IAG considers the proposals for Council decisions from Members, as well as proposals from the Executive Director.
 - Council Day 1: The Chairperson presents the proposals to Council as part of the IAG report.

- Day 2: The proposals for draft decisions are discussed in Caucuses and via informal consultations.
- Day 3: The Council decides the topics it will consider for decision; then the Chairperson, assisted by a small group and the Executive Director, develops preliminary draft decisions for circulation to and consideration by all Members.
- Day 4: The Chairperson's Open-Ended Drafting Group convenes to discuss and finalise draft decisions.
- Noon, Penultimate Day: Final decisions are submitted for translation. Decisions still under negotiation are deferred to the next Council Session.

The Council may wish to review the above procedures.

Item 26 - Closing of the Session

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

Annex

PROPOSED RE-DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES FOR 2013-2014 BIENNIEUM

PRODUCER MEMBERS

	<u>2013</u> <u>No. of Votes</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>No. of Votes</u>
Africa		
Benin	25	23
Cameroon	26	24
Central African Republic	-	23
Congo	25	24
Côte d'Ivoire	25	24
Democratic Republic of the Congo	26	24
Gabon	26	24
Ghana	25	24
Liberia	25	23
Mali	25	23
Mozambique	26	24
Togo	25	23
Asia & Pacific		
Cambodia	21	19
Fiji	18	16
India	32	30
Indonesia	83	80
Malaysia	126	123
Myanmar	53	50
Papua New Guinea	41	39
Philippines	18	16
Vietnam	-	18
Latin America/Caribbean		
Brazil	143	138
Colombia	26	25
Costa Rica	13	12
Ecuador	19	18
Guatemala	13	12
Guyana	17	16
Honduras	13	12
México	27	25
Panamá	14	12
Peru	32	30
Suriname	-	15
Trinidad and Tobago	12	11
TOTAL:	1,000	1,000

CONSUMER MEMBERS

	<u>2013</u> <u>No. of Votes</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>No. of Votes</u>
Albania	10	10
Australia	16	16
China	253	253
European Union	395	395
Austria	11	11
Belgium	15	15
Bulgaria	11	11
Cyprus	10	10
Czech Republic	12	12
Denmark	12	12
Estonia	10	10
Finland	10	10
France	32	32
Germany	19	19
Greece	11	11
Hungary	10	10
Ireland	14	14
Italy	28	28
Latvia	10	10
Lithuania	10	10
Luxembourg	10	10
Malta	11	11
Netherlands	32	32
Poland	11	11
Portugal	15	15
Romania	10	10
Slovakia	11	11
Slovenia	10	10
Spain	23	23
Sweden	11	11
United Kingdom	26	26
Japan	157	157
New Zealand	11	11
Norway	10	10
Republic of Korea	66	66
Switzerland	12	12
United States of America	70	70
TOTAL:	1,000	1,000