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* The late submission of this document was caused by the secretariat's workload in connection with UNCTAD XI.

II. Annotations to the Provisional Agenda

Item 1: Opening of the Conference

1. The Conference will be opened on the morning of 26 July 2004 by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD or his representative.

Item 3: Adoption of the rules of procedure

2. The provisional rules of procedure, issued by the UNCTAD secretariat, are contained in document TD/TIMBER.3/2.

Item 4: Election of officers

3. Rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that the Conference shall elect a President and one Vice-President. The Conference may elect the President from among the representatives or it may elect as its President a person other than a representative of a participant.

Item 5: Credentials of representatives

4. Rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that the credentials of representatives of States participating in the Conference and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, if possible not later than 24 hours after the opening of the Conference. Rule 4 provides that a Credentials Committee, consisting of five members appointed by the Conference on the proposal of the President, shall examine the credentials of representatives. It is proposed in this connection that the Conference should establish a Credentials Committee.

Item 6: Establishment of the Main Committee and of other committees as required

5. Rule 47 provides that the Conference may establish such committees, sub-committees and working parties as may be necessary for the work of the Conference. It is proposed in this connection that the Conference should establish a Main Committee of the Whole to deal with items 7 and 8 of the provisional agenda in closed session. The Main Committee may set up such sub-committees or working parties as it deems necessary.

Item 7: Preparation of a successor agreement to the International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1994

6. The Conference will have before it proposals prepared by the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee for the Negotiation of a Successor Agreement to the ITTA, 1994, established by the International Tropical Timber Council. The proposals were forwarded by ITTO to UNCTAD as a basic working document for consideration by the Conference (TD/TIMBER.3/4).

7. The ITTO background paper summarizing experiences in the implementation of the ITTA, 1994 (TD/TIMBER.3/3) will also be available for the participants of the Conference.

Item 8: Consideration and adoption of final resolutions

8. The Conference may wish to adopt a final resolution forwarding the Successor Agreement to the International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1994 for deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Item 9: Other business