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Annex – 3

Decision Document on

Amendment of the CTI-CFF Rules of Procedure on the accession of a New Member Party

The 11th CTI-CFF SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM-11)

2 - 3 December 2015

**The Coral Triangle Information and Learning Center
(the CTI Learning Center) Building
Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia**

Adopted on 3rd December 2015

by

**the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea,
the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste**

I. Background

The CTI-CFF Rules of Procedures does not provide a mechanism for a non-founding State who have not signed the Agreement on the Establishment of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to be legally bound by the terms of the Agreement through accession. Having the accession instrument in the Rules of Procedures, it is hoped that Brunei Darussalam will have legal basis to make formal request to be a Party to the Agreement.

With reference to the decisions of the 10th CTI-CFF Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-10) held in Dili, Timor-Leste on 5-7 November 2014 with regards to the application and process of acceptance of Brunei Darussalam, the Executive Director of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat have paid a courtesy visit to Brunei Darussalam to meet with the Minister of Industry and Primary Resources of Brunei Darussalam in April 2015 for further consultation and discussion.

In May 2015, the Regional Secretariat seek guidance from the CTI-CFF Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) to expedite the process of accepting Brunei Darussalam as a new CTI-CFF member state by amending the Rules of Procedure (RoP) to include provision for a new member state.

The Regional Secretariat received feedback from NCC of Indonesia in May 2015 proposing that an amendment to Rule 21 (3) on "New CI-CFF Party" by inserting the word "accession". Referring to Rule 25 on "Additional Provisions and Amendments" of RoP, the proposed amendment was officially submitted by Indonesia to the Executive Director of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat which was then circulated by the Executive Director to the Parties of CTI-CFF.

The proposal was circulated in early June 2015 for further consideration and guidance by the CSO. It states that in case where there is no objection given after ninety (90) days, the Regional Secretariat was of the view that the proposed amendment was approved.

The Regional Secretariat did not receive any comments or objections within the 90-days period.

II. Decision

Referring to the presentations made by the Regional Secretariat as well as deliberations during the session on the Consideration on Amendment of the CTI-CFF Rules of Procedure on the accession of a new member party, the Senior Officials, hereby, agreed to the following decisions:

1. Agreed to adopt the new text of paragraph of Rule 21 (3) on “New CI-CFF Party” of Rules of Procedure to read as follows:

“A State shall become a CTI-CFF Party with full rights when all of the requirements of paragraph (2) have been met, and the instrument of accession have been submitted to the Depository”

2. Recommended the amended version of Rules of Procedure for CTI-COM approval.

Attachment:

Attachment 3.1 Presentation on the Amendment of CTI-CFF Rules of Procedure.