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DECISION 4(XXIX)

COOPERATION BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL TIMBER ORGANIZATION (ITTO) AND THE AFRICAN TIMBER ORGANIZATION (ATO)

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Decision 7(XXIV) on the cooperation between the International Tropical Timber Organization and the African Timber Organization (ATO);

Also recalling Decision 3(XXIV) on criteria and indicators for sustainable management of natural tropical forests, Decision 3(XXVI) on the application of criteria and indicators for sustainable management of natural tropical forests and Decision 5(XXVIII) on the development of a framework for an auditing system for ITTO's criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management;

Recognizing the importance of work so far carried out by the ATO to develop principles, criteria and indicators for sustainable management of African forests aiming at promoting sustainable forest management in West and Central Africa;

Noting that most Members of the ATO are also Members of the ITTO;

Also noting that implementation of Pre-Project PPD 15/98 Rev. 2 (I) will provide an opportunity to strengthen cooperation between ATO and ITTO;

Emphasizing the need to further strengthen the cooperation between ITTO and ATO;

Decides to:

1. Request the Executive Director to engage two consultants, one each from producer and consumer countries, in order to:
 - Assist ATO in the assessment and refinement of principles, criteria and indicators for sustainable management of African forests and to make them consistent and compatible with ITTO guidelines and criteria and indicators;
 - Assist ATO in organizing a regional workshop, with the participation of experts from Member countries and other stakeholders in order to review and adapt the ITTO principles, criteria and indicators for sustainable management to African forests for use by ATO;
 - Formulate a project proposal to be submitted to ITTO, with several phases if necessary, in order to develop a framework of cooperation between ITTO and ATO with a view to ensuring the promotion and application of the refined initiative on principles, criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management of African forests, and aimed at helping develop credible forest management assessment and monitoring systems which could eventually support certification;

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2. Authorize the Executive Director to arrange for the financing of the consultancy work and the workshop mentioned above from the Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund, in the amount of a maximum of US\$ 125,000; and
3. Authorize the Executive Director to seek voluntary contributions from Member countries earmarked to complete the financing of the budget required for the implementation of the Decision, as presented in the Annex.

ANNEX

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE CONSULTANTS

The consultants will:

1. Review the work carried out under the ATO initiative on principles, criteria and indicators for sustainable management of African forests and assist ATO in making it consistent and compatible with ITTO guidelines and criteria and indicators, and to assist in any refinement;
2. Assist ATO in organising a regional workshop, with the participation of experts from ATO's Member countries and other stakeholders in order to review and adapt the ITTO principles, criteria and indicators for sustainable management to African forests for use by ATO;
3. Visit selected ATO Member countries which are also members of ITTO and assess their advances in forest management assessment and monitoring systems which could eventually support certification;
4. Formulate a project proposal to be submitted to ITTO, with several phases if necessary, in order to develop a framework of cooperation between ITTO and ATO in the fields of principles, criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management. Such a framework of cooperation shall include, *inter alia*, the following elements:
 - Adaptation of ITTO criteria and indicators to ATO Member countries systems;
 - Promotion and dissemination of the adapted ITTO criteria and indicators to ATO Member countries;
 - Provision to help countries, on request, to develop their own criteria and indicators based on those of ITTO;
 - Provision to help institutions in African producer countries in developing credible forest management assessment and monitoring systems and eventually standards of performance;
 - Training activities to help institutions in African producer countries;
5. Revise, as required, the project proposal until its final approval by the ITTC.

ANNEX

Consultants to Assist ATO in Assessment and Refinement of Principles, Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Management of African Forests and Organizing a Regional Workshop

			Amount (US\$)
A.	Consultants (One Producer and One Consumer)		
	Technical Director (PCI-ATO)		
(1)	Consultant Fees	30,000	
(2)	Travel Expenses	71,500	
	(a) Consultants from home country to Libreville	8,500	
	(b) Country visits (to 15 Member Countries) Air tickets are US\$ 800 per person (3x800x15 cities)	36,000	
	(c) DSA (Ave. DSA per city at US\$200) US\$ 200x3 persons for 3days for 15 countries	27,000	
(3)	Communication & Misc. Expenses	1,500	103,000
B.	Regional Workshop		
(1)	Participants' Travel Expenses (2 per country at US\$800 each)	24,000	
(2)	DSA (US\$ 200x30x3 days) & Local travel expenses	21,000	
(3)	Meeting Logistics	10,000	55,000
C.	Report Preparation		
(1)	Translation (French & Spanish)	7,722	
(2)	Communication with Members, Printing and Dissemination of Reports	2,000	9,722
D.	Contingencies		5,000
E.	ITTO Programme Support Costs (10.5%)		18,136
TOTAL:			\$190,858