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NEW ITTO ACTION PLAN

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recognizing the objectives of the ITTO as set out in Article 1 of the ITTA, 1994;

Recalling the ITTO Libreville Action Plan 1998 to 2001;

Reaffirming the ITTO Mission Statement;

Noting the unique role ITTO plays in collecting and analyzing data relating to the trade of tropical timber;

Also recognizing the continuing need for the ITTO to cooperate with other international organizations to maintain and enhance its relevance in the evolving international forest agenda;

Decides to:

1. Request the Executive Director to prepare a working paper on the new ITTO Action Plan with the assistance of two consultants, one each from producer and consumer countries, and to circulate it to members by 31 March 2001. Invite members to provide suggestions to the Executive Director on the process, scope and elements of the working paper by 15 February 2001;
2. Authorize the Executive Director to engage consultants as per the Terms of Reference in Annex A;
3. Request the Executive Director to convene an Expert Panel comprising six members from producer countries, six members from consumer countries, two representatives from the NGO community and two from trade/industry to consider the working paper and any comments and suggestions by ITTO members. The members of the Expert Panel will act in their expert or personal capacity and prepare a draft Action Plan for the period from 2002-2006, which will be circulated to Members for consideration prior to review by Council at its Thirty-first Session in October – November 2001. Terms of Reference for the Expert Panel are outlined in Annex B; and
4. Authorize the Executive Director to seek voluntary contributions from Member countries to meet the financial requirements of this decision, not exceeding US\$ 200,000. If sufficient contributions are not received by 31 January 2001, the Executive Director is requested to use funds from Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund.

Annex A - Terms of Reference for Consultants

1. The consultants should develop a comprehensive working paper with draft elements and rationale for an action plan, taking into consideration decisions of the ITTC, the Libreville Action Plan, the process towards the Libreville Action Plan, suggestions of Members, and other relevant documents.
2. The working paper should take into consideration, inter alia, the following aspects:
 - Recommendations for priorities for ITTO
 - Review of progress in the implementation of the ITTO Libreville Action Plan
 - Clear goals and objectives for ITTO
 - Recommendations for strategic communications and outreach taking into account the conclusions and recommendations of the Expert Panel on ITTO Year 2000 Objective and its Promotion Through Public Education and Awareness [Document ITTC(XXVIII)/10]
 - Recommendations of all relevant Expert Panels
 - Reports from Member countries on their progress towards achieving Objective 2000
3. In preparing the working paper, the consultants should work in close collaboration with the Executive Director.

Annex B - Terms of Reference for the Expert Panel

In its work, the Expert Panel will:

1. Review and assess the working paper prepared by the consultants, taking into consideration resource implications (both costs and staff) of the recommendations of the consultants to the extent possible.
2. Develop an Action Plan for the period 2002-2006, based on their assessment of the working paper. The Action Plan should address priorities, goals and objectives for ITTO and an implementation strategy.
3. Capitalize on the work of previous Expert Panels and consultants' papers, including inter alia the Review of Progress Towards the Year 2000 Objective by Duncan Poore and Thang Hooi Chiew.

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