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DECISION 6(XXVII)

FRAMEWORK FOR GUIDELINES ON TROPICAL FOREST MANAGEMENT

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Decision 7(XXV) on the ITTO Programme of Work for 1999 for the Committee on Reforestation and Forest Management items (i) and (ii) calling for the development of guidelines on reduced impact logging and guidelines for the rehabilitation of degraded forests and forests lands including guidelines on the management of secondary forests,

Considering that the ITTO "Guidelines for the Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forests" (1990) needs to be brought up to date in view of ITTO's Year 2000 Objective and the development of other ITTO Guidelines,

Noting the experience of Member countries with sustainable forest management, reduced impact logging and code of practice for forest harvesting and the associated results of forest research,

Recognizing the need for ITTO to assist its Member countries to develop guidelines toward achieving the Year 2000 Objective,

Decides to:

1. Engage two consultants, one from a producer and one from a consumer member country, according to the Terms of Reference in the Annex, to:

Make a proposal for the development of a comprehensive framework for guidelines and practical working manuals, covering all relevant aspects of sustainable tropical forest management, including reduced impact logging, rehabilitation of degraded forests and forest lands and management of secondary forests, taking into account other existing ITTO guidelines. For each element identified in the framework, the consultants shall list objectives, intended users, annotated contents, and financial resources required.

2. Authorize the Executive Director to seek voluntary contributions to fund the approved consultancy work.

ANNEX

Terms of Reference for two consultants, one from a producer and one from a consumer country, to be engaged for a period of two months each as a team with at least one month of concurrent work, to develop a draft for a comprehensive framework of guidelines and practical working manuals, covering all aspects of sustainable forest management.

The consultants will:

- 1) With reference to the ITTC and the ITTO Action Plan review the various initiatives by ITTO and other organizations such as FAO, CIFOR and individual countries for reduced impact logging, code of conduct for harvesting companies and similar actions aimed at implementing sustainable forest management practices.
- 2) Review initiatives and analyze the experiences, both positive and negative, by ITTO and other organizations and countries in rehabilitation of degraded forests and forest lands including reforestation and participatory approaches involving local communities.
- 3) Review initiatives and analyze the experiences, both positive and negative, by ITTO and other organizations and countries in the management of secondary forests including participatory approaches involving local communities.
- 4) Take into account the following ITTO guidelines:
 - ITTO Guidelines for Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forests, 1990;
 - Guidelines for the Establishment and Sustainable Management of Planted Tropical Production Forests, 1993;
 - Guidelines for the Conservation of Biological Diversity in Tropical Production Forests, 1993;
 - Guidelines on Fire Management in Tropical Forests, 1997;
 - Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forests, 1998;
 - Manual for the Application of Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forests, Parts A & B, 1999.
- 5) Present their draft at the Twenty-eighth Session of the Council for its consideration, and incorporate any approved amendments.

Proposed Budget:

1)	Consultants fees, 4 man/months at US\$ 10,000	40,000
2)	Daily Subsistence Allowance 60 days at US\$ 200	12,000
3)	International travel 4 trips for each consultant at US\$ 2,500	20,000
4)	Miscellaneous costs	8,000
	Sub-total:	80,000
5)	ITTO Programme Support Costs 10.5%	8,400
	Grand Total:	88,400