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Chiang Mai, Thailand

DECISION 8(XXVI)

MATTERS RELATED TO ARTICLE 16 OF THE ITTA, 1994

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Article 16 of the ITTA, 1994;

Further recalling Decision 4(XXIV) and 3(XXV) on matters related to Article 16 of the ITTA, 1994, including the transitional rules in Annex 2 of Decision 4(XXIV);

Noting that the position of Executive Director is vacant due to the resignation of Dr. B.C.Y. Freezailah, effective 24 March 1999;

Decides to:

1. Request the Officer-in-Charge to take action to advertise the position, using the text in the Annex to this Decision, in the ITTO newsletter, on the ITTO homepage, in "The Economist", in "Le Monde" and in "El Pais (Madrid)", and through national governments. The advertisement shall be published by 30 June 1999;
2. Establish a panel composed of four producer members, plus the caucus spokesperson, and four consumer members, plus the caucus spokesperson, to examine the applications and agree on an indicative short list of no more than six names, with at least half of these to be from producer Members, and each candidate must be endorsed by his/her government. Each Member is entitled to endorse only one candidate. The Panel shall meet and finalize its work before 30 September 1999 and shall circulate its report to Members by 5 October 1999. The Panel will elect co-chairs from the producers and consumers panel Members;
3. Urge Members to inform their candidates to submit their applications by 14 September 1999 at 17:00 hours (Japan time), taking into account that each Member is entitled to endorse only one candidate;
4. Instruct the Panel to consider only applications accompanied by endorsement from the government of the ITTO Member country of which the applicant is a national;
5. Request the producer and consumer caucuses to discuss the short list of candidates prepared by the Panel and to present their conclusions to the Council at its Twenty-seventh Session;
6. Select the Executive Director, if possible at its Twenty-seventh Session, if not by consensus, by special vote;
7. Authorize the Officer-in-Charge to transfer an amount not exceeding US\$ 100,000.00 from the Working Capital Account to the Administrative Account to meet the costs of advertising the position of Executive Director and the work of the Panel.

ANNEX FOR DECISION 8(XXVI)

VACANCY FOR THE POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ITTO

The International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), a commodity organization headquartered in Yokohama, Japan is in the process of appointing a new Executive Director. The ITTO mission is to facilitate discussion, consultation and international cooperation on issues relating to the international trade and utilization of tropical timber and the sustainable management of its resource base.

The Executive Director is the chief administrative officer of the International Tropical Timber Organization and is responsible to the International Tropical Timber Council for the administration and operation of the International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1994, in accordance with decisions of the Council.

Candidates with the following qualifications may apply:

1. Professional experience

- (i) Managerial experience - a proven track record in managing programs, staff and finances preferably in matters relevant to the work of the ITTO;
- (ii) International experience - previous governmental work and experience in dealing with international organizations.

2. Background

Advanced degree, preferably in matters relevant to the work of the ITTO.

3. Language

Proven ability in both oral and written communication in one or preferably more of the working languages (English, French and Spanish) of the ITTO.

4. Nationality

Candidates should be nationals of ITTO Member countries and should be endorsed by their respective governments. Only one candidate per country can be endorsed.

Salary and Emoluments

Salary is equivalent to that of an Assistant Secretary General (ASG) in the scale of the United Nations, including benefits such as removal expenses, home leave travel every 24 months, children's education grant, rental subsidies, etc.

Any national of an ITTO Member country (see list below) may apply. Interested persons must submit their applications for ITTO consideration accompanied by a letter of formal endorsement from the Government of their respective countries. A list of ITTO contact points in member countries can be obtained upon request from the ITTO Secretariat at:

International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)
International Organizations Center, 5th Floor
Pacifico-Yokohama, 1-1-1, Minato-Mirai
Nishi-ku, Yokohama, Japan 220-0012

Tel: (81-45) 223-1110
Fax: (81-45) 223-1111
E-mail: itto@mail.itto-unet.ocn.ne.jp

Applicants should seek Government endorsement by 31 August 1999. Government endorsed applications should be received at ITTO headquarters by 14 September 1999.

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List of ITTO Member Countries

PRODUCERS

Africa

Cameroon
Central African Republic
Côte d'Ivoire
Democratic Republic of Congo
Gabon
Ghana
Liberia
Republic of Congo
Togo

Asia & Pacific

Cambodia
Fiji
India
Indonesia
Malaysia
Myanmar
Papua New Guinea
Philippines
Thailand

Latin America

Bolivia
Brazil
Colombia
Ecuador
Guyana
Honduras
Panama
Peru
Suriname
Trinidad and Tobago
Venezuela

CONSUMERS

Australia
Canada
China
Egypt

European Union

Austria
Belgium/Luxembourg
Denmark
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Italy
Netherlands
Spain
Sweden
United Kingdom

Japan
Nepal
New Zealand
Norway
Republic of Korea
Switzerland
United States of America

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