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REVISION OF BASIC CONTROL DOCUMENTS

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Noting that the International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1994, will enter into force on 1 January 1997:

<u>Further noting</u> that Article 7(2) of the ITTA, 1994 provides for the adoption by Council of such rules and regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of the Agreement and that Articles 19(7) and 21(6) require amendment of the existing financial rules and rules relating to projects of the ITTO;

Also noting the report of the Executive Director (Document ITTC(XXI)/6) with respect to the review of the basic control documents:

Decides to:

- 1. Request member countries to review the report of the Executive Director with respect to the following basic control documents:
 - Rules of Procedure (Document ITTC(1)/14);
 - Headquarters Agreement between the Government of Japan and the International Tropical Timber Organization;
 - Financial Rules and Rules relating to Projects of the International Tropical Timber Organization (Document ITTC(III)/17);
 - Staff Regulations and Rules;

and to provide comments to the Executive Director by 28 February 1997 with a view to recommending to the Council any necessary amendments to ensure conformity with the ITTA, 1994

2. Further request the Executive Director to circulate the comments from member countries at least two months prior to the Twenty-second Session of Council for its consideration.

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