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REPORT OF THE PANEL ON SUB-ACCOUNT B OF THE BALI PARTNERSHIP FUND AT ITS TWENTY-THIRD MEETING

[Item 13 (b) of the Provisional Agenda]

- 1. The Panel on Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund was established by Decision 4(XXX) for the management of Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund. The mandate of the Panel was expanded by the decision of the Thirty-fifth Session of the Council in November 2003, to oversee the allocation of resources from the "Unearmarked Funds" as well.
- 2. The Panel was chaired by the Chairperson of the Committee on Finance and Administration, Mr. Mad Zaidi Mohd Karli of Malaysia.
- 3. In addition to the Chairperson, the Panel was composed of:
 - (a) Representatives from the consumer member states that are main contributors to the BPF:
 - (i) Mr. Shigeki Hata (Japan); and
 - (ii) Ms. Jennifer Conje (U.S.A.).
 - (b) Representatives from producer member states, from each geographic region:
 - (i) Mr. Juan Carlos Guzman (Peru) Latin America and the Caribbean;
 - (ii) Mr. Gauthier Ayelo H. (Benin) Africa; and
 - (iii) Mr. Raul M. Briz (Philippines) Asia-Pacific.
 - (c) The Executive Director:
 - Dr. Gerhard Dieterle
- 4. The Panel held its meeting on Thursday, 30 November 2017 during the Fifty-third Session of the Council.
- 5. The Panel was informed that, as of 24 November 2017, the total funds available in the Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund and the Unearmarked Fund were approximately US\$15,000.
- 6. The Panel was informed of the criteria for Projects, Pre-projects and Activities eligible for funding from the Bali Partnership Fund, as contained in Annex 1 to the Financial Rules of ITTO. Accordingly, the Panel held discussions and decided to recommend to the Council that the current balance in the Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund and the Unearmarked Fund shall not be utilized at this Session due to the relatively low level of available funds.

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