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DECISION 5(XXXIII)

**CIVIL SOCIETY/PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS
FOR SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT**

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Aware of the urgent need for increased action at the field level to implement sustainable tropical forest management;

Recognizing the importance of the participation of private sector timber producers in sustainable forest management and wishing to assist their efforts to improve forest management;

Welcoming the increased participation of civil society organizations in the work of the International Tropical Timber Organization and the examples of successful Civil Society/private sector partnerships bringing progress toward sustainable forest management presented at the first panel meeting of the Civil Society Advisory Group (CSAG);

Recalling Decision 11(XXXII) on the Potential Role of Phased Approaches to Certification in Tropical Timber Producer Countries as a Tool to Promote Sustainable Forest Management;

Recalling Goal 2 of the Yokohama Action Plan in the field of Reforestation and Forest Management, which calls for ITTO to, *inter alia*, promote the implementation of ITTO guidelines and criteria and indicators;

Further recalling Cross Cutting Action (h) of the Yokohama Action Plan, which calls for ITTO to encourage and increase the involvement of non-government stakeholders, including industry and trade associations, environmental organizations and indigenous groups in the activities of the Organization with a view to promoting transparency, dialogue and cooperation in furthering ITTO's objectives;

Decides to:

1. Commit to catalyze, facilitate and support partnerships among Civil Society organizations and tropical timber producers with a view to promoting progress towards sustainable forest management and certification. Particular emphasis will be given to partnerships involving small-scale enterprises and community-based forest managers, Civil Society organizations at the local and national level and forest owners;
2. Request the Executive Director to convene a working group composed of two producer and two consumer members and one representative each of the Trade Advisory Group (TAG) and CSAG to provide guidance for ITTO's support of these partnerships and report to the Thirty-fourth Council Session;
3. Request the Executive Director to widely communicate the organization's desire to support the development of Civil Society/ private-sector partnerships to help implement sustainable forest management, and to facilitate the development of partnerships, on a pilot basis, with financial assistance of up to US\$50,000.00 each in each of the three producer regions with a view to reporting the experience gained thus far in the development and implementation of the partnerships to the working group and the Thirty-Fourth Session of Council;

4. Invite the CSAG and TAG, in a joint meeting at the Thirty-fourth Council Session, to share their views on the potential for these partnerships to help implement sustainable forest management and promote market acceptance;
5. Review, at its Thirty-fourth Session, the guidance provided by the working group and the report of the CSAG/TAG joint meeting for supporting Civil Society/private sector partnerships; and
6. Authorize the Executive Director to seek voluntary contributions from Member countries to meet the financial requirements of this decision, not exceeding US\$ 200,000.00.

PRELIMINARY TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE WORKING GROUP

- Review information of experiences with existing Civil Society/private sector partnerships.
- Review results of the evaluation of partnerships in the Congo Basin according to document ITTC(XXXIII)/14.
- Provide guidance on the selection of eligible partnerships and approaches to monitoring and evaluating the contribution of the partnership to the implementation of sustainable forest management.
- Provide guidance for approaches for resolving conflicts that may arise in partnerships.
- Describe simple procedures for developing and submitting partnership proposals.
- Consider other relevant issues

ANNEX

INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL TIMBER ORGANIZATION
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CIVIL SOCIETY/PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS
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WORKING GROUP TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE
FOR ITTO SUPPORT FOR PARTNERSHIPS

			<u>Amount(US\$)</u>
A. PRODUCER MEMBERS (2)			\$10,890.00
(1)	Tickets (Economy Fares)	7,000.00	
(2)	DSA & Travel Expenses	<u>3,890.00</u>	
B. CONSUMER MEMBERS (2)			11,890.00
(1)	Tickets (Economy Fares)	8,000.00	
(2)	DSA & Travel Expenses	<u>3,890.00</u>	
C. REPRESENTATIVES – TAG&CSAG(2)			10,890.00
(1)	Tickets (Economy Fares)	7,000.00	
(2)	DSA & Travel Expenses	<u>3,890.00</u>	
D. CHAIRPERSON'S ATTENDANCE (ITTC/XXXIV)			6,445.00
(1)	Tickets	4,500.00	
(2)	DSA & Travel Expenses	<u>1,945.00</u>	
E. REPORT TRANSLATION			4,930.00
F. ITTO PROGRAMME SUPPORT COSTS (11%)			<u>4,955.00</u>
TOTAL:			<u><u>\$50,000.00</u></u>

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