



THIRTY-SECOND SESSION
13 - 18 May 2002
Bali, Indonesia

DECISION 5(XXXII)

**ITTO'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE
WORLD SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (WSSD) 2002**

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recognizing the linkages between trade and sustainable development as contained in the ITTA, 1994;

Reaffirming the importance of international cooperation and ITTO's role in the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF);

Also reaffirming ITTO's commitment to strive toward trade in tropical timber from sustainably managed forests for the purposes of promoting sustainable development, as expressed in the ITTO Yokohama Action Plan 2002-2006;

Further recognizing the relevance of this commitment to the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD), which will be held in Johannesburg, South Africa on 26 August – 7 September 2002;

Decides to:

1. Request the Executive Director to convey the following message from the ITTC to the WSSD to take into consideration in its discussions related to forests:

"We, the International Tropical Timber Organization Council, with its 56 Member Countries and the European Community, having met in Bali, Indonesia on 13-18 May 2002 on the occasion of the Thirty-second Session of the International Tropical Timber Council:

Draw the attention of the World Summit on Sustainable Development to the valuable work of the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) and its Members towards achieving the objective that all tropical timber traded is sourced from sustainably managed forests, which includes providing policy guidelines, supporting capacity building, and financing and implementation of more than 400 field based projects in more than 25 tropical countries;

Underscore ITTO's commitment to continue to work together in partnerships with governments, other international Organizations, the private sector and Civil Society Organizations and to bring to these partnerships its experience in promoting policy dialogue on sustainable forest management and its ability to take action to implement the outcomes of this policy discussion with action at the local, national and regional levels as a real demonstration of what the WSSD is advocating for action on the ground."

2. Request the Executive Director to represent ITTO at the WSSD and, *inter alia*, to hold a side-event at the Summit in order to showcase the actions taken by ITTO and their contribution towards sustainable forest management; and
3. Authorize the Executive Director to seek voluntary contributions not exceeding US\$50,000.00 from Members to finance the side-event indicated above.