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DECISION 8(XXXII)

ORGANIZATION OF WORK UNDER THE ITTA, 1994

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Noting the Report to the Council of the Tenth Meeting of the Informal Advisory Group [Document ITTC(XXXII)/2] with respect to organization of Council and Committee Sessions;

Recalling Decisions 4(XXVI), 11(XXVII) and 5(XXIX) on the frequency and duration of the Council and Committee Sessions and the related Secretariat papers on cost estimates and options [Documents ITTC(XXVI)/11 and ITTC(XXVIII)/14] and on information and methodology for the review and reassessment [Document ITTC(XVII)/5];

Also recalling Decisions 4(XXI), 4(XXII), 5(XXII), 2(XXIV) and 2(XXV) on organization of work under ITTA, 1994, and Decisions 4(XXII), 4(XXIII), 5(XXIV) and 4(XXV) on strengthening and streamlining the work of the Committees;

Further recalling the ITTO Yokohama Action Plan 2002-2006 and in particular the Actions for Effective Implementation (1.6);

Reaffirming the need to improve the overall efficiency of the Organization and reduce costs;

Decides to:

1. Request the Executive Director to convene a Working Group comprised of three producer, three consumer Members, the Chairperson and the Vice-chairperson of the Council, to identify and discuss measures to improve the efficiency of the organization of work according to the attached Terms of Reference, and prepare a report with recommendations for further deliberations by the Council at its Thirty-third Session;
2. Request the Executive Director to provide relevant Council documents as well as reports of the Executive Director on improving the efficiency of the organization of work including the frequency and duration of the Council and Committee Sessions, which will serve further discussions on this issue for the Working Group members indicated in item 1 above, taking into account the provisions of the ITTA, 1994, and the workload of the Organization; and
3. Authorize the Executive Director to seek voluntary contributions from Member Countries to meet the financial requirements of this Decision, not exceeding US\$60,000.00.

ANNEX

Terms of Reference for the Working Group on the Organization of Work of ITTO

- a) To review relevant Council Decisions and documents as well as reports of the Executive Director pertaining to cost considerations, improving efficiency and effectiveness of the organization of work, including frequency and duration of the Council and Committee Sessions; and
- b) To prepare a report and make recommendations on measures to further improve efficiency and effectiveness of the work of the entire Organization for consideration by the Council at its Thirty-third Session in Yokohama, November 2002.

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