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DECISION 8(XXXI)

**ESTABLISHMENT OF DATABASE OF STATISTICS
ON TRADE IN BAMBOO AND RATTAN**

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recognizing the great contribution that bamboo and rattan can make to achieving sustainable forest management by directly substituting for tropical timber and firewood use;

Noting that the Common Fund for Commodities recognized the International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR) as the International Commodity Body for Bamboo and Rattan in October 2000;

Welcoming the participation of INBAR's Director at this session of the Council and his presentation to Council on INBAR and bamboo;

Noting that ITTO has developed considerable expertise in the collection and management of trade data for tropical timber;

Further noting the substantive body of project work on bamboo and rattan funded by ITTO in several Member Countries;

Recalling that INBAR now has the responsibility to improve the quality of statistics relating to trade in bamboo and rattan;

Noting the necessity to avoid duplication of work between organizations;

Further noting that there is considerable common membership between INBAR and ITTO and that ITTO will benefit in its mission by sharing information with INBAR and vice-versa;

Decides to:

1. Request the Executive Director to bring ITTO's experience to bear in assisting INBAR to improve the quality of its statistics on trade in bamboo and rattan;
2. Authorize the Executive Director to employ consultants to work with INBAR and incur such other costs as necessary in order to harmonize the collection of statistics on bamboo and rattan with those of ITTO for tropical timber by 31 December 2002; and
3. Authorize the Executive Director to seek voluntary contributions from Member Countries to meet the financial requirements of this decision, not exceeding US\$38,850.00. If sufficient contributions are not received by 31 January 2002, the Executive Director is requested to use funds from Sub-account B of the Bali Partnership Fund.

BUDGET

Item	Amount (US\$)
Consultant to assist with database construction, questionnaire and data handling	20,000.00
Field visits and collaborating institutions	10,000.00
Contingencies	5,000.00
ITTO Programme Support (11%)	3,850.00
TOTAL	38,850.00

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