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DECISION 5(XXX)

**COOPERATION WITH FAO TO CONVENE AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON CRITERIA AND INDICATORS FOR SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT**

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Decision 3(XXVI) which, *inter alia*, requested the Executive Director to cooperate with and support regional and international criteria and indicators initiatives worldwide;

Further recalling Decision 13(XXIX) on the role of ITTO in international and regional organizations and fora;

Noting from the report of the Expert Panel convened under Decision 13(XXIX) the extensive collaboration undertaken to date by FAO and ITTO in the area of criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management;

Further noting the request of FAO for ITTO to co-sponsor in 2002 an international conference on criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management;

Decides to:

1. Fully support ITTO's co-sponsorship of an international conference with the theme: "The Contribution of Criteria and Indicators to Sustainable Forest Management: The Way Forward";
2. Request the Executive Director to provide for ITTO Secretariat participation in the Steering Committee established to guide preparations for the conference and in the conference itself;
3. Urge Member countries to nominate qualified personnel to attend the conference and report on their experiences with the ITTO criteria and indicators;
4. Authorize the Executive Director to render financial assistance to producer Member countries to participate in the conference; and
5. Authorize the Executive Director to seek voluntary contributions from Member countries to meet the financial requirements of this decision, not exceeding US\$150,000.00. If sufficient contributions are not received by 31 October 2001, the Executive Director is requested to use funds from the Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund.

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