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### DECISION 6(XXX)

#### **GUIDELINES FOR MANAGEMENT OF SECONDARY TROPICAL FORESTS, TROPICAL FOREST RESTORATION AND REHABILITATION OF DEGRADED FOREST LANDS**

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling action 3, goal 2 for Reforestation and Forest Management in the Libreville Action Plan and Decision 7(XXV) on the ITTO Programme of Work for 1999 for the Committee on Reforestation and Forest Management item (ii) that call for the development of guidelines on the rehabilitation of degraded forests and forest lands, including guidelines on the management of secondary forests;

Acknowledging the complementary work of FAO in the area of guidelines for the management of secondary forests and noting its interest to collaborate with ITTO in the formulation of guidelines for the management of secondary tropical forests;

Noting the report of the Consultants prepared under Decision 6(XXVII);

Further noting the current discussions on the role of ITTO in international fora and cooperation with relevant international organizations and all tropical countries;

Recognizing the need for ITTO to assist its Member countries to develop national guidelines and related tools to build capacity and help accelerate progress toward Objective 2000;

Further recognizing that IUCN's "Forests Reborn" initiative, FAO's proposal for the development of guidelines for secondary forest management and ITTO's work on forest restoration have mutually compatible goals and that collaboration between the three organizations in this area could lead to synergies of effort that would mutually benefit them;

Realizing that the development of guidelines for the rehabilitation of degraded forests lands will complement the existing ITTO guidelines and criteria and indicators and contribute to the development of a comprehensive framework for sustainable forest management;

Decides to:

1. Request the Executive Director to develop guidelines in collaboration with FAO, IUCN and other relevant organizations for:
  - the management of secondary tropical forests;
  - the restoration of degraded tropical forests; and
  - the rehabilitation of degraded forest lands;
2. Authorize the Executive Director to engage two consultants, one from a producer country and one from a consumer country to work closely with FAO, IUCN and other relevant organizations to develop a set of draft ITTO guidelines mentioned in paragraph (1);

3. Request the Executive Director to convene an expert panel composed of six producer and six consumer Members, one representative of FAO, one representative of IUCN and two representatives of the NGO community to consider the draft guidelines and any suggestions made by Member countries, and to report to Council by its Thirty-second Session in May 2002; and
4. 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. If sufficient contributions are not received by 31 July 2001, the Executive Director is requested to use funds from the Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund.

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