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DECISION 9(XXX)

**REPORTING FORMATS AND TRAINING FOR ITTO CRITERIA AND INDICATORS
FOR SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL TROPICAL FORESTS**

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Article 1, sections (b), (c), and (d) of the International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1994, relating to the objectives of the organization;

Also recalling Decision 3(XXIV) on Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forests, which encouraged Member countries to apply the revised ITTO Criteria and Indicators for reporting in relation to the Year 2000 Objective and urged countries to prepare projects to test the revised Criteria and Indicators;

Further recalling Decision 3(XXVI) on "The Application of Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forests" which requested the Executive Director to review the Manual on the basis of the report of the consultants;

Welcoming the report of the Consultants [ITTC(XXX)/5] on the Four Regional Training Workshops and Field testing of the Manual;

Also welcoming the report prepared by the Executive Director [ITTC(XXX)/12] for this Session containing draft reporting formats for the National and Forest Management Unit levels;

Recognizing the importance of the application of ITTO Criteria and Indicators as a basis for reporting on the progress towards achieving Objective 2000 by Member countries;

Decides to:

1. Request the Executive Director to arrange, on request by Member countries, national level workshops in ten major producer Member countries to train officials, forest managers, forest concessionaires and others directly involved in sustainable forest management, in the effective use of the ITTO Reporting Formats at both the national and forest management unit levels. The training workshops need to cover ITTO Criteria and Indicators and Reporting Formats, and as far as possible, use trainers trained during the Regional Workshops conducted under Decision 3(XXVI) to assist in the task;
2. Strongly encourage producer Member countries to submit their first National level report, including the Summary of Highlights, by 31 December 2001, using the reporting format presented in document ITTC(XXX)/12;

3. Authorize the Executive Director to render assistance to producer Member countries to complete their national level reports, either through the workshops provided for in paragraph 1 and/or by financing appropriate expertise;
4. Authorize the Executive Director to retain two consultants (one from a producer Member country and one from a consumer Member country) to summarize the National level reports into a "Status of Tropical Forest Management Report";
5. Authorize the Executive Director to obtain appropriate expertise to prepare and publish the "Status of Tropical Forest Management Report", based on available evidence, including:
 - (i) An examination of country reports;
 - (ii) Meetings with government officials, professional foresters, industry, concessionaires, NGOs and people's organizations; and
 - (iii) Field visits to a random sample of forest management units;
6. Request the Executive Director to direct the consultants engaged under paragraphs 1, 3, 4, and 5 of this decision to make recommendations based on the findings of their work for future revision of the ITTO Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forests; and
7. Authorize the Executive Director to seek voluntary contributions from Member countries to meet the financial requirements of this decision, not exceeding US\$832,500.00. If sufficient contributions are not received by 31 October 2001, the Executive Director is requested to make up any shortfall by using funds from the Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund.

ANNEX

**BUDGET FOR DECISION ON
“REPORTING FORMATS AND TRAINING FOR ITTO CRITERIA AND INDICATORS FOR SUSTAINABLE
MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL TROPICAL FORESTS”**

Item	Unit Cost (US\$)	Total (US\$)
1. National Training Workshops (10)	50,000	500,000
2. Assistance to Member Countries to Complete Reporting Formats (10 – 20)	5,000 - 10,000	100,000
3. Consultancy, Publication and Dissemination of “Status of Tropical Forest Management” Report	—	150,000
4. ITTO Programme Support (11%)	—	82,500
TOTAL		832,500

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