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DECISION 11(XXX)

**STRENGTHENING SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT
IN CENTRAL AFRICAN COUNTRIES (CONGO BASIN)**

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Statement 1(XXVIII);

Further Recalling Article 1(l) of the ITTA, 1994, and the Libreville Action Plan;

Noting the request made to the Council at its Thirtieth Session by the Honourable Minister of Environment and Forest of Cameroon, on behalf of the ITTO Ministers in charge of Forests in the Congo Basin (Cameroon, Congo Brazzaville, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, and Central African Republic), requesting the Council's support in implementing those aspects of the Yaoundé Declaration of 17 March 1999 which coincide with ITTO objectives;

Further noting these nations' commitment to achieving the Yaoundé Declaration's goals of sustainable forest management through sub-regional cooperation, joint action and harmonization of their national forest policies and forest action plans, as appropriate;

Reaffirming the ITTO Congo Basin members' commitment to achieving ITTO Objective 2000;

Decides to:

1. Request the Executive Director to organise a single Technical Mission to the five ITTO Congo Basin nations to assist them in implementing, through sub-regional cooperation, those aspects of the Yaoundé Declaration which coincide with the objectives of the ITTO as embodied *inter alia* in the ITTA, 1994, and the Libreville Action Plan;
2. Request the Executive Director to make necessary arrangements to facilitate the work of the Technical Mission in consultation with the ITTO Member governments of this sub-region; and
3. Authorize the Executive Director to seek voluntary contributions from Member countries to meet the financial requirements of this decision, not exceeding US\$120,000.00. If sufficient contributions are not received by 1 November 2001, the Executive Director is requested to use funds from the Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund.

ANNEX I

Terms of Reference for Technical Mission

1. The Technical Mission will be composed of two international experts, one from a producer country and one from a consumer country.
2. The Technical Mission shall review the ITTO-relevant aspects of the Convergence Plan for Congo Basin regional action, as well as related national actions, which were issued in follow-up to the Yaoundé Declaration.
3. The international consultants shall prepare a report that:
 - identifies ways in which the convergence plan and recommended joint actions and related national actions could be improved and/or expanded to further the aims of the Yaoundé Declaration and the shared goals of the ITTO;
 - suggests potential further ways in which proposed harmonization of national forest policies could be achieved in pursuit of these same objectives;
 - identifies and prioritizes related recommended additional joint and sub-regional actions, and
 - suggests joint project proposals for the Congo Basin ITTO Members to develop for submission to the ITTO.
4. The mission will report not later than the Thirty-second Session with recommendations for future work in this area.

ANNEX II

ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET

A. CONSULTANTS (2) – TECHNICAL MISSION AND PREPARE REPORT

(One from Consumer and One from Producer)

US\$

(1) Consultant Fees (2 months)	40 000,00	
(2) Travel Expenses (Including Attending ITTC(XXXII))		
(a) Air tickets	20 400,00	
(b) DSA & Travel Expenses	<u>15 600,00</u>	\$76 000,00

B. NATIONAL CONSULTANTS (5)

(1) Consultant Fees (2 weeks)	5 000,00	
(2) DSA & Travel Expenses	5 500,00	
(3) National Travel Expenses	<u>2 500,00</u>	\$13 000,00

C. VISIT PREPARATION PLANNING MEETING

(Office Support)

\$5 000,00

D. REPORT TRANSLATION

\$6 000,00

E. CONTINGENCY

\$8 596,00

F. ITTO PROGRAMME SUPPORT COSTS (10.5%)

\$11 404,00

TOTAL : **\$120 000,00**

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