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**DECISION 2(XXIX)
ITTO OBJECTIVE 2000**

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Article 1 (d) and Article 21 of the ITTA, 1994, and the Libreville Action Plan;

Recalling Decision 3(X) on the strategy by which, through international collaboration and national policies and programmes, ITTO Members will progress towards sustainable management of tropical forests and trade in tropical timber from sustainably managed resources by the year 2000;

Noting the debate on the basis of the consultants' report on the review of progress made towards this objective;

Recognizing that progress towards meeting this objective has not been sufficient;

Recalling Decisions 3(XXIV) and 10(XXVI) which encourage countries to apply the revised ITTO Criteria and Indicators for reporting to ITTO in relation to the Year 2000 Objective;

Decides to:

1. Reaffirm its full commitment to moving as rapidly as possible towards achieving exports of tropical timber and timber products from sustainably managed sources (ITTO Objective 2000);
2. Strongly encourage Member countries to use the ITTO Criteria and Indicators for reporting on progress made towards this objective;
3. Request the Executive Director to develop a format to facilitate the reporting of progress in implementing the ITTO Criteria and Indicators. This format should be consistent with and supportive of any future requirements for reporting under the United Nations Forum on Forests;
4. Invite Member countries to take concrete measures to enhance market access for tropical timber from sustainably managed sources;
5. Authorize the Executive Director to render assistance to producer countries, on request, to identify, in each country, those factors which most severely limit progress towards achieving Objective 2000 and sustainable forest management and to formulate an action plan to overcome these constraints. The Terms of Reference for these activities are contained in the Annex to this Decision;
6. Facilitate the implementation of these action plans through intensifying international collaboration and strengthening of national policies and programmes by measures such as demonstration projects and reduced impact logging training facilities;

7. Authorize the Executive Director to assist individual producer countries, on request, in setting up an ITTO Objective 2000 Board or nationally appropriate focal group to build both broad based support and high level commitment in:
 - providing a focus for efforts in achieving Objective 2000; and
 - marshalling internal resources so as to ensure their optimal application in achieving Objective 2000;
8. Authorize the Executive Director to seek voluntary contributions from Member countries to meet the financial requirements of paragraphs 3 and 5 of this decision. If sufficient contributions are not received by 31 December 2000, the Executive Director is requested to use funds from Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund;
9. Urge donor Member countries to make increased financial contributions to the Bali Partnership Fund to facilitate the attainment of Objective 2000 and sustainable forest management in producing countries; and
10. Authorize the Executive Director to seek earmarked funds to meet the financial requirements of paragraph 7 of this Decision.

ANNEX

Terms of Reference for assistance activities connected to the ITTO Objective 2000

In organising assistance to countries the Executive Director shall:

1. ensure cooperation with the relevant authorities, industries and other stakeholders;
2. take into account national forest plans as well as on-going strategic planning processes and programmes in the country concerned;
3. ensure that the cost of each individual programme of assistance does not exceed \$100,000;
4. authorise a maximum of 5 programmes of assistance per calendar year.

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