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### DECISION 9(XXIX)

#### MANGROVE CONSERVATION PROGRAMME

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recognizing the importance of the role played by mangroves in the conservation of ecosystems as well as in the economy of developing countries with sea coasts;

Noting the leading role of ITTO in the conservation of mangrove ecosystems, including its collaborative activities with the International Society for Mangrove Ecosystems;

Reiterating the benefits to be gained from the conservation of mangroves to individual Members, in promoting activities of the Organization and in assisting the achievement of the objectives of the ITTA, 1994;

Noting the continuing need for urgent international efforts on this issue;

Also noting that the ITTO's contribution through its work underway to protect mangroves to sustainable forest management has been highlighted by the recently concluded G8 Foreign Ministers' Meeting (13 July 2000, Miyazaki), endorsed by G8 Leaders;

Further noting comments made by Members during the Twenty-ninth Session of the Council on the importance of mangrove conservation and rehabilitation;

Decides to:

1. Request the Executive Director to develop a work plan, including the identification of funding requirements, to assist Members in the conservation, rehabilitation and utilization of mangroves, in particular to:
  - Increase awareness among Members to promote the conservation of mangroves;
  - Encourage cooperation among Members to intensify ITTO activities to conserve existing mangroves and rehabilitate degraded mangroves;
  - Promote the sustainable management and utilization of mangroves;for consideration at its Thirty-first Session;
2. Encourage Members to prepare pre-project and project proposals related to conservation, rehabilitation and utilization of mangroves for consideration by the Council at future sessions;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to arrange for financing from Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund of the above work plan, and of approved pre-project and project proposals; and
4. Invite Members and other donors to contribute the necessary resources to meet the financial requirements of this decision.

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