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**DECISION 3(XXVII)**

**APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling its Decision 7(XXIII) of 6 December 1997 which extended the appointment of Dato' Dr. Freezailah bin Che Yeom to the post of Executive Director of ITTO for an additional term of twenty-four months until 31 March 2000,

Acknowledging the intention of Dato' Dr. Freezailah bin Che Yeom to resign from the post of the Executive Director of ITTO with effect from 24 March 1999, notified to the Chairperson of the International Tropical Timber Council on 15 December 1998,

Acting pursuant to Article 16, paragraphs 1 and 2 of the International Tropical Timber Agreement (ITTA), 1994,

Further recalling Decisions 8(XXVI) and 3(XXV) on matters related to Article 16 of the ITTA, 1994, and in particular the Annex to Decision 8(XXVI) regarding the procedures for selecting future Executive Directors,

Also further recalling the Report of the Panel on Matters Related to Article 16 of the ITTA, 1994, [ITTC(XXVII)/8],

Underscoring the strategic role of the Executive Director as the Head of the Organization,

Noting the applications for Executive Director from nationals of ITTO Member countries and endorsed by respective Governments,

Decides to appoint by consensus Dr. Manoel Sobral Filho as Executive Director of the International Tropical Timber Organization for a period of four years, beginning on 6 November 1999, in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the letter of appointment approved by the Council.

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