



ITTO

INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL TIMBER COUNCIL

Distr.
GENERAL

ITTC(XXVI)/18
3 June 1999

Original: ENGLISH

TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION
28 May – 3 June 1999
Chiang Mai, Thailand

DECISION 4(XXVI)

FREQUENCY AND DURATION OF THE SESSIONS OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Decision 4(XXV), which requested the Executive Director to prepare for consideration of the Council a preliminary paper on options for the frequency and duration of the sessions of Council and Committees with a view to further strengthening and streamlining the work of Council and Committees;

Also recalling Decision 7(XXV) on the endorsement of the Work Programme for 1999 pursuant to the point 3 of the Libreville Action Plan and in particular its point 4;

Welcoming the preliminary paper on options for the frequency and duration of the sessions of Council and Committees [ITTC(XXVI)/11];

Noting the deadline for reassessing the frequency and duration of the sessions of Council and Committees mentioned in Decision 5(XXII) regarding duration of Council sessions and the need for preparation;

Stressing the need to improve the overall cost efficiency of the work done by ITTO;

Decides to:

1. Request the Executive Director to:
 - i. Continue to monitor the six-days Council Sessions;
 - ii. Present a paper for discussion by the Council at its Twenty-seventh Session which will:
 - a) identify the information Members and the ITTO Secretariat need to collect in order to facilitate the review and reassessment of the frequency and duration of the sessions of Council and Committees as mentioned in Decision 5(XXII);
 - b) make proposals regarding the methodology for reviewing and reassessing the frequency and duration of the sessions of Council and Committees.
2. Encourage Members to further reflect on the potential rationalization of the work of Council and Committees and provide comments to the Secretariat that would assist it in implementing this decision.

* * *