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DECISION 5(XXV)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUM ON FORESTS

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Decisions 6(XXII) and 7(XVIII) on ITTO support to Intergovernmental Panel on Forests (IPF) or its successor body and implementation of the IPF proposals for action;

Noting the establishment in June 1997 of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests (IFF) as the successor body to the IPF;

Also noting the lead role of the ITTO within the high level informal Interagency Task Force on Forests for trade and environment issues;

Appreciating the efforts made by the Executive Director to cooperate with and support the IFF consistent with the mandate of the ITTO;

Recognizing the benefits of strengthening ITTO's cooperation with the IFF and contributing to the implementation of relevant IPF proposals for action;

Decides to:

1. Request the Executive Director to prepare a report cataloguing existing ITTO policy initiatives and projects that are supportive of IPF proposals for action for review by Council at its Twenty-sixth Session;
2. Request the Executive Director to provide for ITTO contribution to experts meetings being sponsored by countries in support of the work program of the IFF on the relationship of trade and sustainable forest management, including the Seminar on the Trade Related Aspects of the Sustainable Management of All Types of Forests being sponsored by Brazil in cooperation with UNCTAD in 1999;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to sponsor and seek funding for a consultation with FAO, UNEP, ECE and WTO to discuss ways to enhance contributions to the IFF in the area of trade and sustainable forest management.

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