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DECISION 8(XXV)

MANAGEMENT OF THE BALI PARTNERSHIP FUND

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Article 1(d) of ITTA, 1994, "to enhance the capacity of members to implement a strategy for achieving exports of tropical timber and timber products from sustainably managed sources by the year 2000;"

Also recalling Article 21(4) and (6) of the ITTA, 1994, Decision 6(XXII) concerning financial rules for the operation of the Bali Partnership Fund, and Chapter V of the Financial Rules, and Rules Relating to Projects of the International Tropical Timber Organization [Doc. No. CFA (II)/5 Rev.2];

Further recalling Decision 8(XX), in particular Annex B;

Welcoming the priorities established in the ITTO Libreville Action Plan;

Stressing the need to operationalise the Bali Partnership Fund as soon as possible and to identify projects pre-projects and activities eligible for financing under the Fund;

Decides to:

1. Identify projects, pre-projects and activities eligible for financing from the Bali Partnership Fund based on the following as contained in the Annex to this Decision:
 - a) Article 21, paragraph 4 of ITTA, 1994;
 - b) Annex B of Decision 8(XX); and
 - c) Paragraph 2 of Rule 19 of the Financial Rules and Rules Relating to Projects.
2. Consider projects, pre-projects and activities proposed by Members according to the procedures established for the Special Account under Chapter VII of ITTA, 1994.
3. Implement, monitor, review and evaluate projects, pre-projects and activities according to the procedures established for the Special Account under Chapter VII of ITTA, 1994.
4. Expand the mandate of the Expert Panel for Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals to identify projects, pre-projects and activities eligible for consideration for financing from the Bali Partnership Fund based on the criteria in the Annex to this Decision.
5. Review annually the criteria used for allocating the resources of the Bali Partnership Fund in accordance with its interpretation of Objective 1(d) of the ITTA, 1994.
6. Strongly encourage Members to contribute to the Bali Partnership Fund.
7. Request the Executive Director to seek voluntary contributions from other public and private sources that the Organisation may accept consistent with its financial rules.

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ANNEX

a) Paragraph 4, Article 21 of ITTA, 1994

In allocating resources of the Fund, the Council shall take into account:

(a) The special needs of members whose forestry sectors' contribution to their economies is adversely affected by the implementation of the strategy for achieving the exports of tropical timber and timber products from sustainably managed sources by the year 2000;

(b) The needs of members with significant forest areas who establish conservation programmes in timber producing forests.

b) Annex B of Decision 8(XX)

- To adopt a forest policy and enforce legislation.
- To establish and secure a Permanent Forest Estate (PFE).
- To reduce the damage done by timber harvesting to the physical and social environments and to the forest eco-system.
- To train the work force to accelerate the use of reduced impact logging thus becomes of the utmost priority and urgency.
- To limit harvest levels to the sustained yield capacity.
- To raise political and consumer awareness of the fact that timber harvesting can be consistent with the sustainability of the tropical forest.
- To concentrate research on the analysis and application of existing data and knowledge so as to ascertain what is or can be made relevant to the operational knowledge of forest eco-system behaviour and put that information into preliminary management prescriptions.

c) Paragraph 2 of Rule 19 of the Financial Rules and Rules Relating to Projects

In allocating the resources of the Bali Partnership Fund, the Council shall take into account the requirements of Article 21 paragraph 4 of the Agreement, Annex B of Decision 8(XX), and the importance of assisting Member countries to implement the ITTO criteria and indicators for sustainable management of natural tropical forests. The Council shall annually review the criteria used for allocating the resources of the Bali Partnership Fund in accordance with its interpretation of Objective 1(d) of the Agreement.

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