



ITTO

TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION
20-28 May 1998
Libreville, Gabon

DECISION 7(XXIV)

**COOPERATION BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL TIMBER ORGANIZATION
AND THE AFRICAN TIMBER ORGANISATION (ATO)**

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Reaffirming the broad aims of Article 1 of the ITTA, 1994, and in particular paragraphs 1(a), 1(b) and 1(i);

Recognizing ITTO and ATO common objectives of implementing all actions to achieve sustainable management of tropical forests and promoting the development of domestic further processing of tropical timber in Africa;

Recalling that a set of recommended policies and actions to promote domestic further processing of tropical timber had been completed under the ITTO financed Pre-Project PPD 11/92 (I) relating to sustainable management of productive forests in Africa published in July 1992;

Emphasizing the need to strengthen the cooperation between ITTO and ATO;

Decides to:

1. Request the Executive Director to undertake consultations with the ATO Secretariat in order to identify the areas, conditions and mechanism of collaboration between ITTO and ATO;
2. Invite the Executive Director to submit the report related to these consultations during the Twenty-fifth ITTC session, in order to have a close institutional coordination between the two Organizations;
3. Endorse a proposal to convene a joint ITTO/ATO conference to take place before the Twenty-sixth Session of ITTO Council on the promotion of further processing of tropical timber in Africa;
4. Consider this proposal for approval through the Project Cycle at the Twenty-fifth ITTO Council Session; and
5. Invite Members to contribute to the Special Account to finance the Conference.

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