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## DECISION 5(XXIII)

### REVISION OF THE ITTO ACTION PLAN

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Decision 6(XXI) on the revision of the ITTO Action Plan in the light of the entry into force of the ITTA, 1994;

Welcoming the Report of the Expert Panel on Revision of the ITTO Action Plan [Document ITTC(XXIII)/7];

Noting the comments by members on the draft revised Action Plan during the Twenty-third Session;

Recognizing the importance and urgency of finalizing and publishing the revised Action Plan to guide the work of the ITTO;

Also recognizing the value of a clear and concise Mission Statement for the Organization that could be included in the Action Plan;

Decides to:

1. Request the Chairman of the Expert Panel on Revision of the ITTO Action Plan to prepare a revised draft incorporating members' comments and circulate it to members by 15 January 1998;
2. Request the Executive Director to prepare a concise draft *Mission Statement* and to circulate it to members by 15 February 1998. Members who wish to provide suggestions to the Executive Director for this draft *Mission Statement* are invited to do so by 15 January 1998;
3. Request members to submit written comments on the revised *Draft Action Plan* and the draft *Mission Statement* by 15 March 1998;
4. Further request the Executive Director to collate comments on the revised *Draft Action Plan* and the draft *Mission Statement* and circulate them to members by 15 April 1998;
5. Establish a Working Group at the Twenty-fourth Session to finalize the Mission Statement and revision of the Action Plan.

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