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DECISION 6(XXII)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON FORESTS

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Decision 7(XVIII) on the contribution of ITTO to the work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests (IPF) of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD), and Decision 5(XX) on ITTO participation in country-sponsored initiatives related to the IPF;

Welcoming the report of the Executive Director on ITTO participation in the work of the IPF [Document ITTC(XXII)/10], including the participation of ITTO in the informal Inter-Agency Task Force on Forests, as well as the contribution made by members of the ITTC;

Noting the proposals for action of the IPF (E/CN.17/1997/12), particularly those related to Trade and Environment in relation to Forest Products and Services, which were endorsed by the CSD as representing significant progress and consensus on a wide range of forest issues;

Also noting paragraph 144 of the IPF Report, which urges international organisations, in co-operation with countries, to support and implement the proposals for action, and paragraph 145, which calls on appropriate international institutions and organisations to continue their work in the Inter-Agency Task Force on Forests and undertake further co-ordination, focusing on the proposals for action, in accordance with their respective mandates;

Further noting that the UN General Assembly Special Session on Environment and Development will consider how best to implement the IPF proposals for action in June 1997;

Decides to:

1. Request the Executive Director of the ITTO to provide for the continued active participation of the ITTO in the deliberations of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Forests on the IPF proposals, including its work to co-ordinate an implementation strategy for participating international organisations;
2. Request the Executive Director to continue to provide resources to support the IPF Secretariat or its successor body, if requested, taking into account the outcome of the Special Session of the U.N. General Assembly;
3. Consider at its Twenty-third Session in Yokohama in December 1997 appropriate actions to take in order to contribute actively to the implementation of those proposals for action in the IPF report that are relevant to the work of the ITTO.

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