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THE PROMOTION OF SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT A CASE STUDY IN BOLIVIA

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling the statement made by the Minister of Sustainable Development and Environment of Bolivia at the Sixteenth Session of the International Tropical Timber Council, inviting the Council to dispatch a Mission to advise the Government on implementing policies aimed at promoting sustainable forest management;

Recalling Decision 2(XVII) to establish an independent Mission in support of Bolivia's efforts to promote sustainable forest management;

Welcoming with appreciation the report and presentation by the ITTO Mission and thanking the Mission for its contribution;

Acknowledging the positive reaction of the Government of Bolivia to the ITTO Mission Report;

Recognizing the commitment of the Government of Bolivia to sustainable forest management;

Also recognizing the important conclusions of the ITTO Mission Report which emphasize the importance of the forestry sector and human resource development in the field of forestry to the sustainable development of Bolivia;

Stressing the need for support from the international community to complement national efforts to implement the Mission's recommendations, many of which are beyond the scope of ITTO's mandate;

Decides to:

1. Express its willingness to consider project and pre-project proposals presented by the Government of Bolivia that further the implementation of the recommendations of the ITTO Mission Report which are relevant to the mandate of the ITTO, to promote sustainable forest management and related development of the forest industry;
2. Encourage the Government of Bolivia to request assistance under PD 73/89 (M,F,I) "Assistance for Project Identification and Formulation", in preparing proposals and pre-project proposals based on the ITTO Missions recommendations to promote sustainable forest management and related development of the forest industry;
3. Invite members to contribute to PD 73/89 (M,F,I);
4. Further invite and encourage members to consider the financing of projects and pre-projects after their approval by the ITTC.

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