

TWENTIETH SESSION
15-23 May 1996
Manila, Philippines

DECISION 2(XX)
ENTRY INTO FORCE OF
THE INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL TIMBER AGREEMENT, 1994

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling its Decision 1(S-II) of 21 January 1994 by which it extended the ITTA, 1983, until the entry into force of the ITTA, 1994;

Noting that many members have taken the necessary measures to bring the ITTA, 1994, into force;

Recognizing, however, that some members require more time to complete their national constitutional procedures in relation to the entry into force of the ITTA, 1994;

Recognizing the need to continue further consultations with respect to a proposal that the Agreement be brought into force on 1 January 1997; coinciding with the beginning of the new fiscal year;

Decides to:

1. Urge all members who have not yet done so, to expedite action to comply with the procedures and requirements for the entry into force of the ITTA, 1994, as soon as possible;
2. Authorizes the Executive Director to request the Secretary General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) to convene a conference, in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 41 of the ITTA, 1994, sometime during the Third Session of the Inter-governmental Panel on Forests of the U.N. Commission for Sustainable Development, which is scheduled in Geneva from 9 to 20 September 1996;
3. Further authorize that the partial costs of attendance of some developing member countries may be met from earmarked voluntary contributions to the Special Account.