

TWENTIETH SESSION
15-23 May 1996
Manila, Philippines

DECISION 5(XX)

**ITTO PARTICIPATION IN COUNTRY SPONSORED INITIATIVES
RELATED TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON FORESTS (IPF)**

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Decision 7(XVIII) on the contribution of ITTO to the work of the UNCSO Intergovernmental Panel on Forests (IPF);

Welcoming the Report of the Executive Director on ITTO Participation in the Work of the IPF provided in document ITTC(XX)/5;

Recognizing initiatives by members to provide inputs through various meetings and consultations to the IPF process;

Having been Informed by the Governments of Japan and Canada that they will host an International Workshop on Integrated Application of Sustainable Forest Management Practices in November 1996 in support of the work of the IPF, and would welcome the participation of the ITTO;

Recalling that the ITTO has undertaken and gained experience from a number of projects on sustainable forest management in producer member countries, and could make a useful contribution to the Workshop;

Decides to:

1. Request the Executive Director to provide ITTO input and participation in member sponsored initiatives relevant to ITTO's mandate and experience, among others in the International Workshop on Integrated Application of Sustainable Forest Management Practices;
2. Invite members to contribute to the Special Account to facilitate this input and participation by ITTO.