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DECISION 2(XVIII)

1995 MID-TERM REVIEW OF PROGRESS TOWARDS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE YEAR 2000 OBJECTIVE

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Decision 3(X) made in 1991 which adopted a strategy by which, through international collaboration and national policies and programmes, ITTO Members will progress towards achieving sustainable management of tropical forests and trade in tropical timber from sustainably managed resources by the Year 2000; and which decided to undertake in 1995 a major review of progress towards the achievement of the Year 2000 Objective, based on national submissions and to suggest, in the light of the 1995 review, any further measures for attaining the Year 2000 Objective;

Also recalling Decision 3(XIV) as adopted by the ITTC at its Fourteenth Session in Kuala Lumpur, 1993 concerning Estimating Resources Needed to Achieve the Year 2000 Target;

Further recalling Decision 3 (XIII) as adopted by the ITTC at its Thirteenth Session in Yokohama, 1992 regarding Sustainable Forest Management;

Mindful of the importance of the 1995 Mid-term review;

Noting other relevant Decisions which have been taken by the ITTC on this matter, in particular Decision 4(XIV), and other work which has been undertaken, including the criteria for measurement of sustainable tropical forest management;

Noting also that Decision 4(XIV) adopted a format for the preparation of information to be provided to the organization by Members;

Further noting Secretariat document ITTC(XVIII)/4;

Decides to:

1. Request the Executive Director to reconvene the panel of experts as requested in Council Decision 3(XIII), at an estimated cost of \$280,383.00, before the next Session of the ITTC, to recommend an approach and methodology for estimating resources needed and costs incurred, and to collate estimates submitted by members.

2. Request members to provide a report on the progress towards the achievement of the Year 2000 Objective to the Executive Director by 15 September 1995 but preferably before 31 August 1995, drawing upon the reporting format outlined in the Annex of Decision 4(XIV) and providing any additional information members consider appropriate to include. Where requested members are invited to provide financial assistance to developing member countries in preparing their reports. Reports should not exceed ten pages. Additional information may be included as Annexes.
3. Request the Executive Director to engage two Consultants (one from a producer country and the other from a consumer country) to prepare a report on members' progress towards attaining the Year 2000 Objective, on the basis of national reports submitted. The Consultants should prepare a draft report by 15 October 1995. It should be circulated in time for consideration by members before the Nineteenth Session of the ITTC.
4. Undertake the mid-term review at its Nineteenth Session and consider any further appropriate measures for attaining the Year 2000 Objective.

ANNEX
{Extract from Annex to Decision 4(XIV)}

FORMAT

1. INTRODUCTION/SUMMARY

2. INSTITUTIONAL AND POLICY FRAMEWORK

- Legal and institutional framework¹ for relevant national forest policy and implementation of relevant forest management plans.
- Relationship of ITTO Decisions, the Year 2000 Target and ITTO Guidelines to national forest policy.
- Relevant legislation and other measures affecting trade in timber.
- Measures to increase the efficiency of relevant timber utilization and promote production of value added timber products.

3. FOREST RESOURCE BASE

- Areas and distribution of relevant protection forests, production forests and plantations and their relation to national goals and targets.
- Plantation establishment targets and annual planting regimes.

4. PRODUCTION AND TRADE OF LOGS, SAWNWOOD, VENEER, PLYWOOD

(where possible, trade data should be based on the internationally agreed harmonized tariff schedule)

- Production level, capacity and efficiency by major products by species groups (where possible) and estimates of future production.
- Export and import values and volumes.
- Prices for major products by species groups.
- Stocks.
- Share of tropical timber in total timber trade.
- Annual trends in timber production from the forests, consumption and international trade.

5. INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

- Relevant international financial and technical co-operation.

¹ **Especially information on the implementing agencies with details on their structure, personnel, skills, training needs and capabilities, budgets and other information deemed appropriate.**

- Relevant Research and Development in forest resource conservation, management and development.
- Measures to increase production and utilization efficiency including measures to increase value adding in producer countries.
- Measures to promote international trade in tropical timber derived from sustainably managed forests.

6. RELEVANT ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURES

- Environmental legislation and policies as related to timber: environmental assessments, regulations for forest operations, and other measures.

7. RELEVANT SOCIO-ECONOMIC EFFECTS

- Economic flows associated with production and/or use of timber.
- Employment.
- Provisions for involvement of local communities.
- General economic conditions which affect supply and demand of wood products.

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