

EIGHTEENTH SESSION
10-18 May 1995
Accra, Ghana

DECISION 5(XVIII)

COOPERATION BETWEEN ITTO AND THE CITES TIMBER WORKING GROUP

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Decisions 6(XII) and 3(XVII) concerning measures to improve cooperation between ITTO and CITES;

Noting the CITES decision to invite ITTO to be represented in a CITES Timber Working Group on Timber;

Noting also the importance of the effective participation of developing member countries in the meetings of the CITES Timber Working Group;

Further noting ITTO's capability to provide the Timber Working Group with valuable technical knowledge and expertise on tropical timber and trade;

Appreciating the presentation by the CITES representative at the Eighteenth Council Session which provided members with a better understanding of the working methods and listing procedures of CITES;

Recognizing the benefit to members of taking further steps to encourage and expand ITTO-CITES cooperation and information exchange;

Decides to:

1. Request the Executive Director to have ITTO represented in the CITES Timber Working Group and to inform the Council of the work of this Group;
2. Also request the Executive Director, if funds are available in the Special Account, to facilitate the effective participation of developing member countries in the meetings of the CITES Timber Working Group.
3. Invite members to provide the Executive Director with any information that may contribute to ITTO's participation in the work of the Timber Working Group.