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DECISION 8(XVIII)

STRENGTHENING THE PROJECT CYCLE

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Mindful of the necessity to strengthen the project cycle and the need for assistance in project formulation for developing member countries;

Appreciating the efforts made by the Secretariat to maintain the quality of ITTO projects;

<u>Aware</u> of the limited resources the Secretariat can command to assist project formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation;

Decides to:

- Encourage members to contribute further to the project PD 73/89 (M,F,I) ("Assistance for Project Identification and Formulation") to help developing member countries to formulate ITTO projects;
- Request the Executive Director to engage two consultants (one from a consumer country and one from a producer country) to explore possible ways to strengthen the project cycle, including project assessment, drawing on views expressed by all Members, and to prepare a report in time for discussion at the Twentieth Session of the ITTC in May 1996;
- 3. Encourage members to contribute to the Special Account for implementation of the consultancy.

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