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DECISION 3(XVII)

COOPERATION WITH THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FLORA AND FAUNA (CITES)

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Decision 6(XII) concerning actions to improve cooperation between ITTO and CITES;

Also recalling Decision 3(XVI) to arrange for a study to examine methodological bases for regulation international trade in plant species that are endangered or may become endangered;

Noting that the coincident scheduling of the Seventeenth Session of the ITTC and the Ninth Conference of Parties to CITES precluded either organization being represented at the other's meeting;

Recognizing the benefit to Members of having a clear understanding of the working methods and listing procedures of CITES, as well as the status of listings related to tropical timber species on CITES appendices;

Emphasizing the need for cooperation between CITES and ITTO in future, including in the scheduling of meetings;

Decides to:

- (1) request the Executive Director to invite CITES to make a presentation and participate in a discussion at the Eighteenth Session of the ITTC in Accra, Ghana (10-18 May 1995) on the background and work of CITES as it relates to tropical timber species;
- (2) also request the Executive Director to inform the Council at its Eighteenth Session of what steps have been taken to encourage ITTO-CITES cooperation and information exchange;
- (3) encourage ongoing liaison between the ITTO and CITES and in particular complementary scheduling of meetings of the two organizations, including participation by appropriate ITTO representatives in activities in follow up to the Ninth Session of the CITES Conference of Parties which are relevant to the mandate of ITTO.

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