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DECISION 3(XIV)

ESTIMATING RESOURCES NEEDED TO ACHIEVE THE YEAR 2000 TARGET

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Decision 3(X) 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;

Recalling the Non-Legally Binding Authoritative Statement of Principles for a Global Consensus on the Management, Conservation and Sustainable Development of all Types of Forests and Agenda 21 adopted by UNCED in June 1992 in Rio de Janeiro;

Further recalling decisions taken at the XI, XII and XIII Sessions of Council relating to sustainable forest management and the resources required to achieve the Year 2000 Target; in particular Decision 3(XIII) to reconvene a Panel of Experts at its XIV Session to recommend an approach and methodology for estimating resources needed and to collate estimates submitted by Members;

Acknowledging that resources may be required beyond the Year 2000 to maintain the sustainable management of forest resources in producing countries;

Reiterating the sovereignty of Members over their natural resources;

Taking into account the need for producing Members to submit their respective estimates for consideration by the Council as soon as possible;

Urges Members to develop their plans and priorities for achieving the Year 2000 Target;

Commends the guidelines outlined in the Annex to Members with a view to ensuring consistency in approach to the estimation of resources needed to achieve the Year 2000 Target, so far as possible;

Encourages those Members requiring assistance in the estimation of resources needed, to request such assistance from the ITTO;

Recognises that market share and market access for tropical timber will have a bearing on the achievement of the Year 2000 Target;

Agrees to undertake an assessment of international market trends in tropical timber, including market share and conditions of market access;

Requests the Executive Director to convene a Panel of Experts to prepare a proposal for such a study for consideration by the Council at the XV Session.

ANNEX

GUIDELINES FOR ESTIMATING RESOURCES NEEDED TO ACHIEVE THE YEAR 2000 TARGET

The following guidelines have been provided by the Council to assist Members in estimating the resources needed to achieve the Year 2000 Target based on national plans for achieving sustainable forest management. These guidelines have been developed with a view to ensuring consistency in approach between Members so far as possible. It should be noted that they do not purport to be fully comprehensive but rather to outline Council's suggested approach and to identify some key areas and activities for which resources may be required.

1. Estimates should be provided to the Council of the resources needed to promote the sustainable management of each Member's forest resources to achieve the Year 2000 Target.
2. The establishment of plantations may be necessary to ensure the sustainable management of each Member's forest resources and could be included in the estimates of resources needed to achieve the Target.
3. Members should include information on present and expected future benefits and costs of sustainable tropical timber production.
4. Members should provide information on resources currently being provided to achieve sustainable management of forest resources and, separately, those additional resources required to achieve the Target. Members should deduct assistance already being provided through international cooperation from the estimate of resources required.
5. Projected resources required for future years should be included based on the net present values.
6. Estimates should include disaggregated information to the maximum extent practicable, including quantities and expected resources required to undertake each activity proposed, possible sources, and the nature of the relationship of each activity to the Year 2000 Target.
7. Document ITTC(XII)/7 Rev.1 and the Annexes to the consultants' report attached to document ITTC(XI)/6 identify some key activities within the context of Decision 3(X) for which resources may be required and may provide a useful guide. These are outlined below and divided into the four components as suggested in document ITTC(XII)/7 Rev.1:

- (a) Security of forest resources and prevention of unplanned deforestation;
 - development and integration of national forest information and monitoring systems, including:
 - mapping;
 - inventory;
 - forest production and consumption studies;
 - land use planning;
 - policy and legislation;
 - legislation to protect the forest resources;
 - prescription of harvesting and silvicultural measures;
 - establishment of model or pilot projects to facilitate training.
- (b) Implementing sustainable forest management in order to produce the optimum sustainable mix of goods and services;
 - development and implementation of codes of practice and training personnel;
 - establishment of plantations;
 - rehabilitation of degraded forests.
- (c) Improving the utilization of the resource to give the greatest possible social net benefit;
 - more efficient utilisation of logs;
 - further processing and value adding;
 - improving market access for tropical timber;
 - promoting the use of tropical timber.
- (d) Improving the social and political environment concerning sustainable management;
 - social development;
 - research and training;
 - social development programs;
 - political and consumer awareness;
 - public awareness programs.
