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DECISION 3(XIII)

SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT IV

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Agenda 21 adopted by UNCED in June 1992 in Rio de Janeiro;

Recalling Decision 2(XII) reiterating the sovereign rights of all Members over the management of their natural resources;

Recalling the report of the Panel of Experts that was convened under Decision 7(XI) to estimate the resources that would be needed by producing Members to attain sustainable management of their tropical forests by the Year 2000;

<u>Taking into account</u> the need for the producing Members to submit their respective estimates to the Executive Director to permit an adequate assessment of those resources;

<u>Decides</u>:

- 1.To reconvene a Panel of Experts at its next session to recommend the approach and methodology for estimating resources needed and to collate estimates submitted by Members.
- 2.To invite producing Members which have not yet submitted their respective estimates to do so in order to assist the Panel of Experts in their work;
- 3.To encourage the transfer of technology on mutually agreed terms, taking into account the needs of developing country Members, and encourage the continued provision of financial resources for the sustainable management of tropical forests for the production of internationally traded tropical timber, where appropriate.

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