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FORMAT OF ITTO REPORTS

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Articles 27 and 28 in Chapter IX of the ITTA 1983 which provide for Members to report on statistics, studies and other information relevant to the trade in tropical timber;

Further recalling the commitment made to Target 2000 at the VIII Session of the ITTC, as well as Decision 3(X) which invites Governments to provide information annually on their progress towards this Target;

Noting other relevant decisions which have been taken by the ITTC on this matter, in particular Decision 4(XII), and other work which has been undertaken, including the criteria for measurement of sustainable tropical forest management;

Reaffirming the importance of accurate and comprehensive information from Members to promote the activities of the Organization and to assist in achieving the objectives of the ITTA;

Recognizing the desirability of rationalizing the provision of information into one annual report by Members;

Further recognizing that the availability of data is presently limited for some Members;

Reiterates its invitation to assist Members to prepare their reports, upon their request, and to finance such assistance via the Special Account where appropriate.

Decides to commend the Annex to Members for their consideration and for decision at the Fourteenth Council Session in Kuala Lumpur.

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ANNEX

REPORTING FORMAT

The following reporting format has been provided by the Council to assist Members in the preparation of annual reports as provided for under Articles 27 and 28 of the Agreement and for informing the Council of progress towards meeting the Year 2000 Target.

In commending this format, Council noted that Members would only be expected to report once annually on those aspects relevant to their own specific circumstances and which are within the scope of the Agreement. Council also noted that the availability of data is presently limited for some Members and that this would affect their reporting capability.

Council also noted that having submitted their first reports utilizing this format, Members would only be expected to provide updated information in subsequent annual reports.

REPORTING FORMAT

1. INTRODUCTION/SUMMARY

2. INSTITUTIONAL AND POLICY FRAMEWORK

- . Legal and institutional framework for national tropical forest policy and implementation of tropical forest management plans.
- . Relationship of ITTO Decisions, Target 2000 and ITTO Guidelines to national forest policy.
- . Relevant legislation and other measures affecting trade in tropical timber.
- . Measures to increase the efficiency of tropical timber utilization and promote production of value added timber products.

3. TROPICAL FOREST RESOURCE BASE

- . Areas and distribution of protection forests, production forests and plantations and their relation to national goals and targets.
- . Plantation establishment targets and annual planting regimes.

4. PRODUCTION AND TRADE OF LOGS, SAWNWOOD, VENEER, PLYWOOD, FIBREBOARD

[Trade statistics should be reported using the internationally agreed harmonized tariff schedule]

- . Production level by major products by species groups and estimates of future production.
- . Export and import values and volumes.
- . Prices for major products by species groups.
- . Stocks.
- . Share of tropical timber in total timber trade.
- . Annual trends in timber production from the forest, consumption and international trade.

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5. INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

- . International financial and technical cooperation relevant to tropical forest management and international trade in tropical timber.
- . Research and development in tropical forest resource issues.
- . Measures to increase production and utilization efficiency including measures to increase value added in producer countries.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURES

- . Environmental legislation and policies as related to tropical timber: environmental assessments, regulations for forest operations, and other relevant measures.

7. SOCIO-ECONOMIC EFFECTS

- . Economic flows associated with production and/or use of tropical timber.
- . Provisions for involvement of local communities.
- . General economic conditions which affect supply and demand of wood products.

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