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## DECISION 4(XII)

### IDENTIFYING PROGRESS

The International Tropical Timber Council,

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 on their proposed progress and to confer annually on the progress towards the Target;

Further recalling the Workshop on Issues Related to Incentives to Promote Sustainable Development of Tropical Forests through Trade;

Considering that the attainment of this Target depends on appropriate efforts and measures to be taken not only by producing countries but also by consuming countries in the spirit of global partnership;

Taking note of the criteria for measurement of sustainable tropical forest management;

Recognizing the need for a reporting format which will facilitate preparation of reports and the assessment of information by the Council;

Decides to consider the format for both producing and consuming countries reports at ITTC(XIII) to guide Members in the preparation of these reports;

Recommends, in the meantime, that reports include information on:

1. the forest resource base, the continuity of flow of forest products, the level of environmental control, socio-economic effects, and the institutional framework;
2. international financial co-operation, technology and technical co-operation, trade related incentives and other measures, research, and measures taken to increase the efficiency of tropical timber utilization;

Invites the Executive Director to encourage and coordinate assistance to Member countries, upon their request, and finance via the Special Account, to facilitate the preparation of their annual reports.

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