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DECISION 2 (XI)

RATIONALIZATION OF THE PROJECT CYCLE

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Reaffirming that the successful implementation of projects, appropriately focused on priority areas, is of the utmost importance to the Organization;

Further reaffirming ITTO Members' commitments to trade in tropical timber from sustainably managed resources by the Year 2000, and the framework for action established by Decision 3(X);

Acknowledging that, in order to achieve the Year 2000 Target, appropriate attention should be given to the profitable manufacturing and marketing of forest products, in addition to the focus on forest management and conservation;

Recalling the invitation to Members to support such projects through the Special Account;

Bearing in mind Decision 2(X), which temporarily continued the Expert Panel for the Technical Appraisal of ITTO Project Proposals and introduced important adjustments to the Project Cycle;

Having considered document ITTC(XI)/5, containing proposals for cooperation among Members towards contributions from the Special Account to individual Member States for more effective preparation of project and pre-project proposals:

Decides to further rationalize the Project Cycle;

Urges Members to submit project proposals, which conform with ITTO Member Countries strategic plans and the Council's established priority areas for achieving trade in tropical timber from sustainably managed resources by the Year 2000;

Requests Members to submit project proposals in the fields of research and development, market intelligence, further and increased processing in developing producing member countries, in reforestation and forest management;

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Encourages Members to use the expert facility available under project PD 73/89 (M,F,I) for ITTO cooperation in the identification and formulation of such projects;

Further encourages Members to join existing voluntary contributors to the Special Account for the funding of projects, pre-projects, and activities, whose objectives are to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of project identification and formulation;

Acknowledges that certain revisions to project proposals that Member Countries choose to undertake, may be difficult to complete before the ensuing Council Session. Where significant modifications have been suggested and where the Member Country has incorporated these suggestions, the proposal will be considered as a matter of priority at the following Session;

Recommends that, in its technical report, the Expert Panel on the Technical Appraisal of Project Proposals be more detailed and specific to the relevant sections of the project document in its recommendations for the reformulation and/or improvement of the submitted proposals.

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