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DECISION 9 (XI)

ITTO GUIDELINES ON THE CONSERVATION OF  
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY IN TROPICAL PRODUCTION FORESTS

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Considering the Report of the Working Group on formulation of ITTO Guidelines on the Conservation of Biological Diversity in Tropical Production Forests in Document PCF(IX)/10 and its revisions,

Taking note of the Report of the Permanent Committee on Reforestation and Forest Management of its Ninth Session as contained in document PCF(IX)/18,

Recognizing that the entire subject of biodiversity conservation is under consideration in the context of the preparations for UNCED 1992,

Recognizing further that decisions taken at or arising from UNCED 1992 might have implications for the further actions of international organizations in this field,

Considering the ITTO's responsibilities in regard to the Guidelines on Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forests require clearer guidance on the conservation of biodiversity as an integral component of the sustainable management of these forests,

Decides to:

1. Endorse the recommendation that any guidelines that might be developed as to the conservation of biological diversity under the auspices of ITTO should be designed for incorporation into the ITTO Guidelines for the Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forests,
2. Request the Executive Director to submit to the Member countries the draft of guidelines for the conservation of biological diversity to serve as a working paper for further comments which could be submitted for possible consideration at the Thirteenth Session of the ITTC.

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