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DECISION 6(X)

ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP TO FORMULATE GUIDELINES
FOR THE CONSERVATION OF BIODIVERSITY IN TROPICAL PRODUCTION FORESTS

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Taking note of the Report of the Permanent Committee on Reforestation and Forest Management its Eighth Session as contained in document PCF(VIII)/20,

Endorses the recommendation to establish and finance the work of a Working Group to formulate recommendations and principles for preparing "Guidelines for the Conservation of Biological Diversity in Production Forest";

Requests the Executive Director to arrange for the Working Group to meet before the next Council Session;

Authorizes the Executive Director to allocate necessary funds from the Administrative Budget to cover the expenses of representatives of Member Governments participating in the Working Group.

APPENDIX I

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A WORKING GROUP ON "GUIDELINES FOR
THE CONSERVATION OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY IN PRODUCTION FORESTS"

The Working Group will prepare a draft guideline proposal for the conservation of biodiversity in production forests, to complement the "ITTO Guidelines for the Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forest" and the "ITTO Guidelines for the Sustainable Management of Tropical Forest Plantations", and present this to the next Council Session.

The guidelines should describe principles for maintaining biological diversity and ecological functions in managed tropical forests. The Working Group will consider the following four ITTO documents in its deliberations:

- Realistic Strategies for the Conservation of Biological Diversity in Tropical Moist Forest (PCF(VIII)/11);
- The Conservation Status of Tropical Timbers in Trade (PCM(VIII)/7);
- Conservation Concerns Relating to the Diversification of Species Extracted for Timber (PCF(VIII)/10);
- ITTO and the Conservation of Biological Diversity in Tropical Forests: Issues and Suggested Elements for an Action Plan (Draft paper commissioned by ITTO for the 1992 UNCED Conference).

The Working Group should also consider the work of other organizations in this field, particularly that which is being undertaken by FAO in the conservation of plant genetic resources.

The Working Group will consist of representatives of Producer and Consumer Members and of Environmental NGO's and International Timber Trade and UN Organizations. The Working Group will meet once to consider documentation prepared and circulated in advance by The World Conservation Union (IUCN) and draft a guideline proposal for submission to the ITTO Secretariat in time for inclusion in the agenda of the Yokohama meeting in 1991.
