

DECISION 5 (IX)

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT
BRAZIL, 1-12 JUNE 1992

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Taking note of the Executive Director's report ITTC (IX)/9,

Recognizing the importance of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in Brazil, 1-12 June 1992,

Referring to the Resolution "Land Resources: Deforestation" (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.I/L.4.Rev.2) of the First Session of the UNCED Preparatory Committee in Nairobi in August 1990,

Recognizing the importance of tropical forests in the context of the UNCED preparatory process and various proposals for international instrument which are being made in international fora on global forestry issues,

Decides that the ITTO should contribute on an equal basis to the international debate on global forestry issues with other interested agencies such as FAO, UNEP, and WMO, and in response to the requests for assistance from international conferences such as UNCED;

Further decides that:

- (a) The Executive Director should submit to UNCED by the end of January 1991 a report on ITTO's past and current activities and capabilities, including the ITTO Guidelines for Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forests, having consulted the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Council and its Permanent Committees;
- (b) The Tenth Session of the ITTC in Quito, Ecuador, should include a Round Table on "The Agenda for Trade in Tropical Timber from Sustainably Managed Forests by the Year 2000", the outcome of which, once approved by the ITTC, might form a contribution to UNCED, including UNCED Agenda 21. The Round Table should be convened at expert level and should be in addition to the Annual ITTO Market Discussion. Preparation for the Round Table may, within the approved budget, include the cost of consultants' reports on the attainment of ITTO's target of trade from sustainably managed forests by the year 2000;
- (c) ITTO should be represented at the Preparatory Committee sessions of UNCED and at UNCED itself by the Executive Director and three Assistant Directors within the approved budget.
