

DECISION 2(VI)

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recognizing the objectives of the International Tropical Timber Organization as set out in Article 1 of the International Tropical Timber Agreement,

Reaffirming Council Resolution 1(IV),

Expressing appreciation for the Report by the Panel of Experts (contained in doc. PCF(IV)/2) "Draft Action Plan in the Field of Reforestation and Forest Management",

Recognizing the importance of establishing an Action Plan to cover all activities of ITTO,

Takes note of the Reports of the three Permanent Committees in this area.

Requests the Executive Director to prepare a work programme of the Secretariat for the years 1990 and 1991 in the field of reforestation and forest management based on the proposals made in doc. PCF(IV)/2 and on the comments made on those proposals.

Further requests the Executive Director to propose activities for priority implementation in the following areas of action:

- Develop guidelines for "best practice" and sustainability in relation to the sustainable management of natural forests and plantations,
- Develop the economic case for natural forest management,
- Strengthen policy initiatives embracing the forestry sector,
- Increase awareness and mobilize support to ensure the sustainable management and conservation of tropical forests,
- Develop demonstration models of management for the sustainable production of timber and non-timber products and conservation,
- Strengthen research on responses to silvicultural treatment,
- Develop human resources in tropical forest management,
- Consider incentives to encourage sustainable management.

Requests the Secretariat to prepare elements for an Action Plan in the areas of forest industry and economic information and market intelligence supported by a panel of experts in forest industry to be submitted to the next Sessions of the Permanent Committees and of the Council.

Decides to include this item on the agenda of the next Session of each of the three Permanent Committees and of the Council with a view to adopting a comprehensive action plan to serve as a basis for the work programme of the Organization and the Secretariat.