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DECISION 5(XLVI)

MULTI-DONOR MECHANISM TO FACILITATE ENHANCED COOPERATION BETWEEN ITTO AND CITES

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Decisions 6(XII), 3(XVI), 5(XVIII), 7(XX), 7(XXXIV) and 2(XXXVII) on measures to improve cooperation between ITTO and CITES, and relevant aspects of the ITTO Action Plans and Biennial Work Programmes;

Welcoming the strong synergies that have developed between ITTO and CITES, including in facilitating implementation of the listing of tropical timber species in CITES through the joint capacity building programme implemented through the Biennial Work Programmes since 2007 in Bolivia, Brazil, Peru, Malaysia, Indonesia, Cameroon, Republic of Congo and Democratic Republic of Congo;

Noting that demand for support under the joint ITTO-CITES capacity building programme remains strong and that requests for support cover an increasing range of species and countries;

Further noting the financial support provided by the European Union, USA, Switzerland, Japan, Norway, Germany, New Zealand and the private sector in supporting work under the joint ITTO-CITES capacity building programme to date;

Decides to:

1. Authorize the Executive Director to establish in consultation with interested parties a multi-donor mechanism to facilitate on-going funding of the joint ITTO-CITES capacity building programme, including establishing memoranda of understanding or similar arrangements with individual donors as appropriate and as consistent with ITTO's rules and procedures;
2. Request the Executive Director to continue overseeing the joint ITTO-CITES capacity building programme as per the existing operating structure and to report to the ITTC on implementation of the programme;
3. Request the Executive Director to undertake, in cooperation with the CITES Secretariat, further activities under the joint ITTO-CITES capacity building programme to assist range countries and major trading partners in building their capacity to implement the requirements of CITES that are related to tropical timber and/or tree species, including inter alia:
 - Strengthening capacity of customs authorities and enforcement agencies at national and regional levels to effectively implement the requirements of CITES;
 - Enhancing information and knowledge exchange among producer and consumer countries on CITES procedures with regard to trade and implementation of the requirements of CITES; and
 - Enhancing cooperation and networking among producer and consumer countries, including civil society, local communities and the private sector, to improve mechanisms for CITES implementation and enforcement at both national and regional levels.
4. Encourage donors to provide regular funding to allow the joint ITTO-CITES capacity building programme to continue operating into 2011 and beyond.