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**REPORT OF THE PANEL
ON SUB-ACCOUNT B OF THE BALI PARTNERSHIP FUND
AT ITS SEVENTEENTH MEETING**

[Item 21(b) of the Provisional Agenda]

1. The Panel on Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund was established by Decision 4(XXX) for the management of Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund.
2. The Panel was chaired by the Chairperson of the Committee on Finance and Administration, Dr. Agus Sarsito of Indonesia, and composed of:
 - (a) Three consuming member representatives that are main contributors to the BPF:
 - (i) Mr. Shigeto Ikeda (Japan);
 - (ii) Dr. James K. Gasana (Switzerland); and
 - (iii) Dr. Charles Barber (U.S.A.).
 - (b) Three producing member representatives, one from each geographic region:
 - (i) Ms. Sofia Treviño Heres (Mexico) – Latin America and the Caribbean;
 - (ii) Mr. Bernard Nah-Tieh Bropleh (Liberia) – Africa; and
 - (iii) Dr. Ruth Turia (Papua New Guinea) – Asia-Pacific.
 - (c) The Executive Director:
Mr. Emmanuel Ze Meka
3. The Panel held its Meeting during the Forty-seventh Session of the Council.
4. The Secretariat introduced the working document to the Members of the Panel which contained a copy of the Decision 4(XXX) – Management of Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund; the reports of the Panel held at earlier Sessions of the Council; information regarding the financial status of the Bali Partnership Fund; and a list of Projects, Pre-Projects and Activities funded. Attention of the members was drawn to the list of Projects, Pre-Projects and Activities funded which also indicated the current status of these with a view to assist the review and monitoring of their implementation.
5. The Secretariat informed the Panel that as of the end of the Forty-sixth Session of the Council, forty-five Activities (including Activities for the biennial work programme), five Pre-Projects and five Projects had been approved for financing through the resources of Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund.
6. As of 30 September 2011, the total funds received in the Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund since its establishment, amount to US\$19.34 million that were all allocated. The estimated available fund balance as of 31 December 2011, amount to US\$72.38.

7. The Secretariat added that the Council, at its Thirty-fifth Session in November 2003, approved the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and Administration to expand the scope of work of the Panel on the Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund to oversee the allocation of resources from the "Unearmarked Funds" in the Special Account as an interim measure.

8. The Secretariat further informed that the current estimated funds available in the "Unearmarked Funds" as of 31 December 2011, amount to US\$565.40 after taking into account the total allocations of US\$13.27 million, made by the previous Sessions held from November 2003 to December 2010.

9. The Panel took note of the ongoing work on the various Pre-Projects, Projects and Activities; and was dismayed at the unavailability of funds for continuing with some fundamental activities of the Organization during 2012 that were funded through these sources, viz., ITTO Information Network (TFU) PD 13/99 Rev.4 (M, F.I) and Market Information Services (MIS) PD 16/93 Rev.4 (M) for the year 2012. The Panel noted that these activities could become eligible for funding through the "Core Operational Costs" of the Administrative Budget under the ITTA, 2006, and urged that in the meantime, these could be funded through the voluntary contributions during 2012, as indicated in the proposed Biennial Work Programme for 2012-2013.

10. The Panel identified a number of projects and activities that could become eligible for financing from the resources of the Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund and/or Unearmarked Funds. However, after reviewing the available resources, which was estimated at the amount of only US\$638.00 as of 31 December 2011, decided on allocating this fund plus any possible additional incoming funds during 2012, as follows:

To allocate available funds proportionately towards financing the following proposed work in the Biennial Work Programme for the year 2012:

Annual Market Discussion PPD 14/00 (M) Budget for year 2012	\$50,000.00
Support participation of CSAG-TAG at Sessions of the ITTC in 2012	\$40,000.00

11. The Panel further appealed to Members to also make voluntary contributions to the Bali Partnership Fund, particularly to the Sub-Account B of this Fund to finance Projects, Pre-projects and Activities to assist Members in achieving the Year 2000 Objective of ITTO.

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