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DECISION 6(XLIII)

MEETING ON OPERATIONAL MODALITIES OF FUTURE WORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL TIMBER COUNCIL

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Decision 7(XXXIII) to implement actions with the view to improving efficiency in the work of Council and Secretariat and improving the profile and streamlining work of the Committees;

Further recalling Decision 4(XLII) on financial arrangements related to hosting Council sessions outside the headquarters of the Organization; and

Noting that the Council will benefit from experience with different modalities for the organization of work of the ITTO under the forthcoming ITTA, 2006; and

Finally noting that the Council is yet to decide on the frequency of Council sessions under the ITTA, 2006;

Decides to:

- 1 Hold a four-day meeting on operational modalities of future work of the International Tropical Timber Council in Accra, Ghana, from 2 to 5 June 2008, with the following agenda:
 - a. Review and clarify the operational issues that will need to be considered on the entry into force of the ITTA, 2006;
 - b. Make proposals to Forty-fourth session of the ITTC on these operational issues particularly in respect of Thematic Programmes, the modalities of the work of the Committees and the organisation of the project cycle under the new agreement;
 - c. Organize a one-day Conference for ITTO member countries on regional challenges and to identify specific regional issues and development assistance needs in the context of ITTO.
- 2 Maintain the spring project cycle for 2008 by providing for a time-bound electronic no objection procedure to accept Expert Panel Ratings for projects and pre-projects and request the Chairperson's donor consultation group to meet and make proposals on project and pre-project funding and allow the Secretariat to make provisions for immediate implementation of projects and pre-projects.
- 3 Authorize the Executive Director to seek voluntary contributions to meet the financial requirements of this Decision, not exceeding US\$ 300,000. If sufficient funds are not received by 31 January 2008, the Executive Director is requested to use funds from the unearmarked funds of the Special Account.