



FORTY-THIRD SESSION
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STATEMENT 1(XLIII)

**IN APPRECIATION OF THE OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED
SERVICE OF DR. MANOEL SOBRAL FILHO AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Decision 3(XXVII), by which it appointed Dr. Manoel Sobral Filho as the Executive Director of the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) for a period of four years, beginning on 6 November 1999;

Further recalling Decision 5(XXXIV), which renewed the mandate of Dr. Sobral with effect from 6 November 2003 to 5 November 2007;

Fully recognizing his outstanding and dedicated service to the Organization;

Appreciating that Dr. Sobral led the Organization with passion, openness, warmth, inclusiveness and good humour;

Hereby extends its deepest gratitude to Dr. Manoel Sobral Filho for the extraordinary energy, dynamism and creativity he invested in the International Tropical Timber Organization throughout his tenure, for his unflagging commitment to promoting international trade in tropical timber, the sustainable management of tropical forests and the sustainable development of tropical forest industries, and for his strong, competent and visionary leadership in guiding the Organization to its current high international standing.

Wishes him the best of health and every success for the future.

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