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ORGANIZATION OF A REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON SFM AND FOREST EDUCATION IN LATIN AMERICA

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Noting the major achievements and contributions made by various forest education and research institutions to global sustainable forest management, which significantly contributes to the consolidation of ITTO's Objective 2000;

Noting further that during the current five-year period, most Latin American universities in ITTO member countries will celebrate 50 years of service to the forest development of their countries and region;

Considering the outstanding involvement of universities in the tropical region of Latin America, for example, in developing guidelines for forest management, conservation of forest ecosystems, biodiversity research, community forest management, CITES, FLEG, forest industries, and timber technology;

Recalling that one of the two overall objectives of the ITTA, 2006 is to promote sustainable management of tropical timber producing forests, and that this can only be achieved with the involvement of high-level institutions and professionals;

Recalling further the ITTO Strategic Action Plan 2013-2018 whose priorities include to build and develop human resource capacity to implement SFM, and that in this framework, ITTO is essentially an organization that generates and distributes expertise and assistance to its members in order to develop the capacity needed to deal with the complex problems affecting forests;

Recognizing the importance of supporting initiatives to strengthen forest education institutions in Latin America through the organization of regional events that promote SFM, in collaboration with the efforts made by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO);

Welcoming the draft decision submitted by the Peruvian delegation with the support of other delegations at the Forty-ninth ITTC Session, to organize a regional workshop on the current status and outlook of forest education in Latin America over the next few decades, which will study the contribution made by forest education to SFM, to be held in Lima, Peru, in June 2014 at the Faculty of Forestry, National Agrarian University of La Molina;

Decides:

1. To support the initiative to organize the above event and to request the Executive Director to promote this initiative among the country members of ITTO and to seek voluntary financial resources for this purpose.

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