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**DECISION 4(XLIV)**

**THE ITTO ACTION PLAN 2008-2011 TRANSITIONAL PERIOD**

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recognizing the objectives of the ITTO as set out in Article 1 of the ITTA, 1994 and ITTA, 2006;

Reaffirming the overall aim defined in ITTO Objective 2000;

Recalling the ITTO Action Plan 1990, the ITTO Libreville Action Plan (1998-2001) and the ITTO Yokohama Action Plan (2002-2006);

Noting that the implementation period of the ITTO Yokohama Action Plan 2002-2006 has been extended to 2007 [Decision 2(XXXIX)];

Further recalling Decision 2(XXXIX), paragraph 2(vi) on the new ITTO Action Plan to succeed the ITTO Yokohama Action Plan;

Noting the written comments from Members on the draft new ITTO Action Plan, and also the comments made during the Forty-third and the Forty-fourth Sessions of the Council and during the Meeting on the Operational Modalities of Future Work of the International Tropical Timber Council, held in Accra, Ghana, during 9-12 June 2008;

Welcoming the Report of the Inter-sessional Working Group on the new ITTO Action Plan [Document ITTC(XLIII)/8] and the draft new ITTO Action Plan [Document ITTC(XLIV)/13];

Recognizing the importance and urgency of adopting a new Action Plan to guide the work of the Organization;

Noting that the ITTO is in a transitional phase, as the ITTA, 2006 is soon to enter into force and Thematic Programmes are being piloted for which guidance and directions are required;

Decides to:

1. Adopt the ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011, as contained in Document ITTC(XLIV)/13 Rev.1; and
2. Request the Executive Director to arrange for the translation, publication and wide distribution of the ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011 to Members and other interested parties as expeditiously as possible.