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DECISION 6(XLIV)

**ITTO / IUCN GUIDELINES FOR THE CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF
BIODIVERSITY IN TROPICAL TIMBER PRODUCTION FORESTS**

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Decision 4(XLIII), which welcomed the draft *ITTO/IUCN Guidelines for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in Tropical Timber Production Forests*, hereafter referred to as the Guidelines;

Further recalling Decision 8(XXX) on cooperation between ITTO and IUCN;

Further recalling the Convention on Biological Diversity and its expanded program of work on forest biological diversity;

Acknowledging the valuable assistance given by the four Producer Member countries in which the draft guidelines have been evaluated in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee on Reforestation and Forest Management at its Thirty-seventh Session;

Recognizing the value of operational guidelines in assisting Member Countries to build their capacity and accelerate progress towards achieving Objective 2000;

Realising the need to promote the implementation of the Guidelines as a way of encouraging the conservation and sustainable use of tropical forest biodiversity in tropical timber production forests;

Decides to:

1. Adopt the *ITTO/IUCN Guidelines for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in Tropical Timber Production Forests* as contained in Document ITTC(XLIV)/9 Rev.1;
2. Strongly encourage Members to adapt and make use of the *ITTO/IUCN Guidelines for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in Tropical Timber Production Forests* wherever appropriate in their work, including in ITTO project proposals and reporting;
3. Commend the Guidelines to Members and the international community as a reference on the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in tropical timber production forests;
4. Request the Executive Director, in collaboration with IUCN and other partners, to undertake the following actions to promote the implementation of the Guidelines:
 - a. Publish, distribute and promote the *ITTO/IUCN Guidelines for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in Tropical Timber Production Forests*;
 - b. Facilitate the application of the Guidelines at a range of scales in partnership with forest operators, local communities and other stakeholders in cooperation with other international organizations, civil society organizations and others;

5. Authorize the Executive Director to seek additional voluntary contributions under Decision 2(XLIII) from Members and other sources for this purpose as shown in the budget breakdown below:

In 2009, key activities to guarantee the promotion of the Biodiversity Guidelines shall include:

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| Dissemination at global meetings (World Forest Week, World Economic Forum, World Forestry Congress) | Approximately US\$ 15,000 each | US\$ 45,000 |
| Preparatory work for IUFRO World Congress and Nagoya CBD CoP 10 | Approximately US\$20,000 each | US\$ 40,000 |
| Publication and distribution | 1,000 copy per language x 3 x US\$30 each | US\$ 90,000 |
| | TOTAL | US\$ 175,000 |

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