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ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL TIMBER AGREEMENT, 2006

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling that the International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006 was adopted in January 2006 at the United Nations Conference for the Negotiation of a Successor Agreement to the ITTA, 1994 and has been open for signature, ratification, acceptance or approval to any government invited to that Conference;

Observing that the deposition of instruments for signature, ratification, acceptance, approval or accession is insufficient for the definitive entry into force of the ITTA, 2006 and that, therefore, it has not yet entered into force, either provisionally or definitively, in accordance with its Articles 39.1 or 39.2;

Recognizing the importance of broad participation in the ITTA, 2006 in order to respond effectively to global concern on tropical forests;

Recalling Decision 3 (XLI) of 11 November 2006, which extended the duration of the ITTA, 1994, and noting the need to consider whether to maintain the extension beyond 2009 or to terminate the ITTA, 1994 in accordance with its Article 46(5) if, by that time, the ITTA, 2006 has not entered into force either provisionally or definitively;

Decides to:

1. Encourage all governments who have not yet signed or completed the necessary procedures to become parties to the ITTA, 2006 to accelerate their efforts to do so;
2. Request the Executive Director to contact all governments who have not yet signed or completed procedures to become parties to the ITTA, 2006 and to offer assistance, as appropriate, to expedite their efforts;
3. Further request the Executive Director to prepare a report on the status of signature and ratification of the ITTA, 2006 and to circulate this report to all Members no later than the end of September 2009;
4. Review, at the Session of the Council in November 2009, the status of signature and ratification of the ITTA, 2006 and to consider, at that time, further steps towards the entry into force of the ITTA, 2006.

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