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## REPORT OF THE PANEL ON SUB-ACCOUNT B OF THE BALI PARTNERSHIP FUND AT ITS TWENTY-THIRD MEETING

[Item 13 (b) of the Provisional Agenda]

1. The Panel on Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund was established by Decision 4(XXX) for the management of Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund. The mandate of the Panel was expanded by the decision of the Thirty-fifth Session of the Council in November 2003, to oversee the allocation of resources from the "Unearmarked Funds" as well.

2. The Panel was chaired by the Chairperson of the Committee on Finance and Administration, Mr. Mad Zaidi Mohd Karli of Malaysia.

- 3. In addition to the Chairperson, the Panel was composed of:
  - (a) Representatives from the consumer member states that are main contributors to the BPF:
    - (i) Mr. Shigeki Hata (Japan); and
    - (ii) Ms. Jennifer Conje (U.S.A.).
  - (b) Representatives from producer member states, from each geographic region:
    - (i) Mr. Juan Carlos Guzman (Peru) Latin America and the Caribbean;
    - (ii) Mr. Gauthier Ayelo H. (Benin) Africa; and
    - (iii) Mr. Raul M. Briz (Philippines) Asia-Pacific.
  - (c) The Executive Director:
    - Dr. Gerhard Dieterle

4. The Panel held its meeting on Thursday, 30 November 2017 during the Fifty-third Session of the Council.

5. The Panel was informed that, as of 24 November 2017, the total funds available in the Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund and the Unearmarked Fund were approximately US\$15,000.

6. The Panel was informed of the criteria for Projects, Pre-projects and Activities eligible for funding from the Bali Partnership Fund, as contained in Annex 1 to the Financial Rules of ITTO. Accordingly, the Panel held discussions and decided to recommend to the Council that the current balance in the Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund and the Unearmarked Fund shall not be utilized at this Session due to the relatively low level of available funds.

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