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DECISION 3(XXXIV)

STRENGTHENING THE ASIA FOREST PARTNERSHIP

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recognizing the value of the forests in Asia and the Pacific and the economic, environmental and social significance of the timber trade in many countries in Asia and the Pacific;

Recalling ITTO's continuing promotion of sustainable forest management and timber trade in the region through its policy development and project program;

Further recalling the launch of the Asia Forest Partnership as a Type II initiative at the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in August 2002;

Noting that the goals of the Partnership, which include supporting sustainable forest management, combating illegal logging, managing forest fire and promoting forest restoration in the Asia region, correspond with the ITTO goals contained in the Yokohama Action Plan;

Wishing to ensure that all stakeholders, including those in civil society and the private sector, are able to participate in the partnership;

Realizing that insufficient access to finance and information may hinder such participation;

Decides to:

1. Request the Executive Director, in cooperation with relevant member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), to support the Governments of Indonesia and Japan in convening a regional workshop that brings together a broad range of stakeholders, including relevant civil-society and private-sector organizations in the Asia and Pacific region, from both consumer and producer countries, to support the Asia Forest Partnership in accordance with the attached terms of reference. The participation of civil-society and private-sector organizations and ITTO producing member countries will be supported using funds made available under this decision;
2. Request the Executive Director to support the development of a network for the sharing of information among Asia Forest Partnership participants, including civil-society and private-sector stakeholders;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to seek voluntary contributions from Member countries to meet the financial requirements of this decision, not exceeding US\$166,500.00; and
4. Request the Executive Director to report on progress being made in the implementation of this decision at the Thirty-seventh Session of the Council.

ANNEX

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR WORKSHOP

- Refine and operationalize the goals of the Asia Forest Partnership and the mechanisms for its implementation;
- Draw from the experiences and lessons learned in similar partnerships, particularly the Congo Basin Forest Partnership;
- Solicit the views and contributions of a broad range of stakeholders from civil society and the private sector in formulating the programs and activities of the Asia Forest Partnership;
- Create a network for the sharing of information among partners, including stakeholders from civil society and the private sector;
- Make recommendations for various groups of partners to strengthen the Asia Forest Partnership.

Participants in the workshop should include representatives from:

- Participating ITTO member countries;
- Relevant international organizations;
- Relevant stakeholder groups, particularly those from civil society and the private sector.

BUDGET FOR DECISION ON 'STRENGTHENING THE ASIA FOREST PARTNERSHIP'

Item	Unit Cost (US\$)
Workshop:	
Background paper	12,000
Logistics	40,000
Participation of civil society, private sector and producer countries	75,000
Secretariat travel	8,000
Publications	7,000
Support for information network	8,000
ITTO Programme Support (11%)	16,500
Total	166,500

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