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DECISION 7(XXXIV)

COOPERATION BETWEEN ITTO AND CITES ON MAHOGANY (*SWIETENIA MACROPHYLLA*)

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Decisions 6(XII), 3(XVI), 5 (XVIII) and 7(XX) on measures to improve cooperation between ITTO, CITES, and the CITES Timber Working Group;

Noting that ITTO has, in recent years, attended meetings of and provided inputs to the CITES Mahogany Working Group;

Further noting the decision taken at the 12th meeting of the Conference of Parties to CITES (COP12) in November 2002 to list *Swietenia macrophylla* (big-leaf mahogany) in CITES Appendix II;

Aware of the concerns expressed by member countries regarding the implementation of the Appendix II listing of *Swietenia macrophylla* (the first high-volume, high-value timber species included in Appendix II);

Taking note of the related decision taken at COP12 to extend and revise the mandate of the CITES Mahogany Working Group subject to the availability of external funding;

Decides to:

1. Request the Executive Director to contact the CITES Secretariat to offer to collaborate in order to provide technical, scientific and financial support to the work of the Mahogany Working Group;
2. Request the Executive Director to contact ITTO producer Member countries that are mahogany range States to identify their needs, if any, for effective implementation of the CITES Appendix II listing;
3. Request the Executive Director to assist countries that have identified needs and that are significant mahogany exporters to develop and submit projects to facilitate the effective implementation of the Appendix II listing; and
4. Authorize the Executive Director to seek voluntary contributions from Member countries to meet the financial requirements of this decision, not exceeding US\$66,600.00. If sufficient contributions are not received by 31 July 2003, the Executive Director is requested to use funds from the Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund.

ANNEX

**BUDGET FOR DECISION ON
“COOPERATION BETWEEN ITTO AND CITES ON MAHOGANY (*SWIETENIA MACROPHYLLA*)”**

Item	Unit Cost (US\$)	Total (US\$)
1. Co-sponsor meeting of Mahogany Working Group		30,000
2. Assist three (3) member countries to develop project proposals	10,000	30,000
3. ITTO Programme Support (11%)	6,600	6,600
TOTAL		66,600

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