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## DECISION 6(LV)

### ITTO ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT (ESM) GUIDELINES

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling the “Guidelines for Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts Assessments in ITTO Projects” approved by the Committee on Reforestation and Forest Management in 2016;

Also recalling the Committee’s recommendation in 2018 that the Guidelines be refined to address implementation problems revealed during the pilot phase, particularly regarding the cost and time involved in undertaking the assessment process;

Welcoming the comments on the draft “ITTO Environmental and Social Management (ESM) Guidelines” made before the current Session;

Decides to:

1. Adopt the “ITTO Environmental and Social Management (ESM) Guidelines” as contained in document CRF(LIII)/5 “ITTO Environmental and Social Management (ESM) Guidelines”;
2. Request the Executive Director to post the Guidelines on the ITTO website in the three official languages by 31 January 2020;
3. Request Members to apply the assessment process set out in the Guidelines in formulating future project proposals for ITTO consideration;
4. Request the Executive Director to assist Members in applying the ESM Guidelines;
5. Request the Executive Director to report on implementation of this Decision at the next Council Session.

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