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### REPORT OF THE PANEL ON SUB-ACCOUNT B OF THE BALI PARTNERSHIP FUND

[Item 18 (b) of the Provisional Agenda]

1. The Panel on Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund (BPF) 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 composed of:
  - (a) Representatives from the consumer member states that are main contributors to the BPF:
    - (i) Ms. Akiko Tabata (Japan);
    - (ii) Mr. Daniel Lauchenauer (Switzerland); and
    - (iii) Mr. Luke Thompson (U.S.A.).
  - (b) Representatives from producer member states, from each geographic region:
    - (i) Ms. Carmela Quintanilla (Peru) – Latin America and the Caribbean;
    - (ii) Mr. Korogone Sinagabe Ulysse (Benin) – Africa; and
    - (iii) Ms. Emelia Gunggu (Malaysia) – Asia-Pacific.
  - (c) The Officer-in-charge:  
Dr. Steven Johnson
3. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and global travel restrictions, it was decided that the Fifty-seventh Session of the Council be held virtually using the KUDO web conference system. As this decision allowed limited time to be allotted for the Panel to meet during the Session, the Chairperson of the CFA, through the Secretariat, requested members of the Panel to provide comments on the allocation of the funds available under the Sub-Account B of the BPF as well as the Unearmarked Fund, with a view to reaching a consensus and making a recommendation to the Council of its allocation.
4. The Panel was informed that, as presented in Document CFA(XXXVI)/5, the total balance under the BPF Sub-Account B and the Unearmarked Fund were \$116,082.60 as of 1 October 2021 (\$26,828.21 under the BPF Sub-Account B and \$89,254.39 under the Unearmarked Fund). The mandate of the Panel was to consider the allocation of such funds to Projects, Pre-projects and Activities pending finance that are eligible for funding from the BPF-B and/or the Unearmarked Fund.
5. The Secretariat referred to Annex to Decision 4(XXX) which contained the criteria for Projects, Pre-projects and Activities eligible for funding from the Bali Partnership Fund, which was applied to the balance of US\$26,828.21 under the Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund. The Panel was informed that this criteria did not apply to the balance of \$89,254.39 under the Unearmarked fund. The list of projects and activities that had not yet received funding was made available to the Panel.
6. After deliberations, the panel, with consensus, agreed that an amount of \$60,000 (\$26,828.21 from the Sub-Account B of the Bali Partnership Fund and \$33,171.79 from the Unearmarked Funds) should be allocated to the ITTO Fellowship Programme for 2022, and that \$56,082.60 (from the

Unearmarked Funds) should be allocated to PD 902/19 Rev.2 (F) "Management of Upper Baram Forest Area for Conservation and Sustainable Development with Involvement of Local Communities, Upper Baram, Sarawak, Malaysia (Malaysia)" and to submit its recommendation to the Council accordingly.

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