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The International Tropical Timber Council,

Recalling Decision 8(LV), Decision 4(LVI) and Decision 7(LVII) which requested the Executive Director to engage with external bodies and funding mechanisms, as well as have effective International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) involvement in international and regional organizations and fora;

Recognizing the Secretariat's efforts to date in implementing the aforementioned Decisions as contained in the progress report and review of the implementation of ITTO's New Financing Architecture - Phase II in documents ITTC(LX)/10 and ITTC(LX)/11;

Further recognizing the importance for ITTO to receive United Nations General Assembly observer status in order to gain access to high-level international meetings and effectively fulfill its mandate and enhance the implementation of the above Decisions;

Taking into consideration that a formal request for the inclusion of an item in the United Nations General Assembly agenda by a United Nations Member State is necessary in order for the formal adoption of a resolution to grant United Nations General Assembly observer status;

Decides to:

1. Support the process for ITTO to obtain United Nations General Assembly observer status;
2. Invite Japan as the host country of ITTO to take the lead in observing the necessary procedures and submitting a request, in cooperation with the ITTO Secretariat, for the inclusion of an item at the United Nations General Assembly to grant ITTO observer status; and
3. Encourage other Members to support Japan's efforts mentioned in paragraph 2 as appropriate.

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