VI. Proposal of the United States of America

Structure and elements for a Voluntary (?) for Sustainable Forest Management

(Codex Sylvanus)

The subscribing States/Members of the General Assembly of the United Nations:

1. Preamble
   – Emphasize the multiple benefits provided by forests
   – Emphasize the contribution of sustainable forest management to sustainable
     development and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals
   – Recall the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the Forest Principles,
     the proposals for action of the Intergovernmental Panel on
     Forests/Intergovernmental Forum on Forests, the establishment of the
     International Arrangement on Forests
   – Welcome the work of the United Nations Forum on Forests and the
     Collaborative Partnership on Forests
   – Recognize the importance of forest governance and public-private partnerships
   – Recognize the importance of international cooperation
   – Recognize the importance of political commitment at all levels

2. Adoption/endorsement of a Codex Sylvanus

3. Principles
   – National sovereignty over forests
   – National responsibility for forests
   – Role of international cooperation in supporting national efforts
   – International obligations
   – Contribution of the private sector, communities and other stakeholders
   – Importance of cross-sectoral coordination at all levels
   – Seven thematic elements of sustainable forest management

4. Global goals or strategic objectives
   – Reversing forest cover loss
   – Promoting forest benefits through sustainable forest management and legally
     harvested forest products
   – Increasing effectively managed protected forest areas
   – Mobilizing financial resources — domestic, foreign, public and private
5. **National policies/actions**
- Identify policies and measures for country action
- Strengthen public-private partnerships
- Identify/implement measures to improve cross-sectoral coordination
- Support regional cooperation efforts
- Include forests in national poverty reduction and development strategies
- Promote mutually supportive forest-related programmes of the members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests

6. **Cooperation and means of implementation**
- Better coordinate existing programmes and processes
- Initiate or strengthen public-private partnerships
- Promote research and development and technology transfer
- Promote international cooperation
- Strengthen regional processes
- Catalyse financial resources
- Facilitate international support, especially through the Collaborative Partnership on Forests
- Forest priorities of the members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests are mutually supportive

7. **Report and review**
- Report progress on implementation to the United Nations Forum on Forests and the members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests
- Assess progress/review of effectiveness in 2015