

**Annex**

**Voluntary questionnaire to facilitate the review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests at the fifth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests**

Specific criterion for review: <b>(a) Implementation of IPF/IFF proposals for action:</b> <b>(i) The extent to which countries, the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and other actors have made progress in implementing the relevant IPF/IFF proposals for action</b>					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples. <sup>a</sup>  This criterion is interpreted as the extent to which Canada has made progress in implementing the relevant IPF/IFF proposals for action.  As illustrated in Canada's national reports to UNFF 2, 3,4 and 5 significant activities have and continue to take place regarding the IPF/IFF proposals for action. Such activities take place at many levels in Canada, i.e., at the federal, provincial and municipal and community levels.  Nationally, an important framework for identifying priority forest activities has been the National Forest Strategy. Canada adopted its 5th National Forest Strategy in 2003.					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: <sup>b</sup>					
Overall assessment of the international arrangement on forests	None <input type="checkbox"/>	Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moderate <input type="checkbox"/>	High <input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you quantify this criterion? Answer if appropriate. Quantifiable benchmarks (e.g., goals, criteria and indicators) There are no national benchmarks in Canada linking forest actions and the IPF/IFF Proposals for action.					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities <sup>c</sup>	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forum decisions/resolutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussions at Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country- and organization-led initiatives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reports of ad hoc expert groups	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partnership-initiated activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contacts at Forum Sessions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Actions by the Forum secretariat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi-stakeholder dialogues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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initiated activities; contacts at Forum sessions; actions by the Forum secretariat; or multi-stakeholder dialogues.

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Specific criterion for review: <b>(a) Implementation of IPF/IFF proposals for action:</b> <b>(ii) The extent to which countries have developed and started to implement national forest programmes or equivalent processes</b>					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: <sup>a</sup> Canada has developed and is in the process of implementing its 5th National Forest Strategy as highlighted in Canada's National Report to UNFF 4.					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: <sup>b</sup>					
Overall assessment of the international arrangement on forests	None <input type="checkbox"/>	Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moderate <input type="checkbox"/>	High <input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you quantify this criterion? Answer if appropriate.					
Quantifiable benchmarks (e.g., goals, criteria and indicators) Canada has developed National Forest Strategies in each of the following years: 1981; 1987; 1992; 1998; and 2003.					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities <sup>c</sup>	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forum decisions/resolutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussions at Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country- and organization-led initiatives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reports of ad hoc expert groups	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partnership-initiated activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contacts at Forum Sessions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Actions by the Forum secretariat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi-stakeholder dialogues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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initiated activities; contacts at Forum sessions; actions by the Forum secretariat; or multi-stakeholder dialogues.

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Specific criterion for review: <b>(a) Implementation of IPF/IFF proposals for action:</b> <b>(iii) The extent to which participation of stakeholders in those programmes and processes has been enhanced</b>					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: <sup>a</sup> As a forest nation, Canadians have a significant interest in forest management issues. Not surprisingly, interest and participation in Canada's National Forest Strategies has grown over the years since the release of the first Strategy in 1981. Canadians from all walks of life participate in the organization and development of Canada's National Forest Strategies.					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: <sup>b</sup>					
Overall assessment of the international arrangement on forests	None <input type="checkbox"/>	Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moderate <input type="checkbox"/>	High <input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you quantify this criterion? Answer if appropriate. Quantifiable benchmarks (e.g., goals, criteria and indicators) There are no quantifiable benchmarks in Canada relating to this criterion.					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities <sup>c</sup>	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forum decisions/resolutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussions at Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country- and organization-led initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Partnership-initiated activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Actions by the Forum secretariat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi-stakeholder dialogues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Specific criterion for review: <b>(a) Implementation of IPF/IFF proposals for action:</b> <b>(iv) The extent to which the international arrangement on forests has facilitated and promoted countries' implementation of the IPF/IFF proposals for action, focusing on the means of implementation (finance, transfer of environmentally sound technologies and capacity-building) as well as the relevant common items</b>					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: <sup>a</sup> This criterion is interpreted as the extent to which the international arrangement on forests has facilitated and promoted Canada's implementation of the IPF/IFF proposals for action, focussing on the means of implementation as well as relevant common items.  In this context see the response to question (a)(i). In addition, the international arrangement on forests focuses much of its attention on the impediments to implementation in developing countries and countries with economies in transition. This explains the emphasis in this criterion on the means of implementation.  However, means of implementation such as financial and human resources, technology, knowledge and know how are important in all countries. While more resources will in most cases permit more work to be done in Canada's forests, resource allocation among public goals must reflect the overall priorities of Canadians. In Canada, as the vast majority of forests are owned by the Crown, the resources going to forests is a political decision decided upon democratically.					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: <sup>b</sup>					
Overall assessment of the international arrangement on forests	None <input type="checkbox"/>	Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moderate <input type="checkbox"/>	High <input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you quantify this criterion? Answer if appropriate.					
Quantifiable benchmarks (e.g., goals, criteria and indicators) There are no national benchmarks in Canada linking forest actions and the IPF/IFF Proposals for action.					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities <sup>c</sup>	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable

Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forum decisions/resolutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussions at Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country- and organization-led initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reports of ad hoc expert groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partnership-initiated activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contacts at Forum Sessions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Actions by the Forum secretariat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi-stakeholder dialogues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Specific criterion for review: <b>(a) Implementation of IPF/IFF proposals for action:</b> <b>(v) The extent to which countries have made progress in assessing the IPF/IFF proposals for action in order to determine their relevance in their national context</b>					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: <sup>a</sup>  This criterion is interpreted as the extent to which Canada has made progress in assessing the IPF/IFF proposals for action in order to determine their relevance in a national context.  Canada's assessment of the IPF/IFF proposals for action to determine their relevance has taken place in the context of the development of its National Forest Strategies. The international guidance embodied in the proposals for action have been taken into account during the many regional discussions among interested parties that took part in the development of the strategies post IPF/IFF. As a result of this process of assessment, Canada has highlighted actions taken relevant to the proposals for action in its reports to UNFF 2, 3, 4 and 5.					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: <sup>b</sup>					
Overall assessment of the international arrangement on forests	None <input type="checkbox"/>	Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moderate <input type="checkbox"/>	High <input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you quantify this criterion? Answer if appropriate. Quantifiable benchmarks (e.g., goals, criteria and indicators) There are no quantifiable benchmarks in Canada relating to this criterion.					
<b>Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Limited</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>
Forum Sessions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forum decisions/resolutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussions at Forum Sessions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country- and organization-led initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reports of ad hoc expert groups	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partnership-initiated activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contacts at Forum Sessions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Actions by the Forum secretariat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi-stakeholder dialogues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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initiated activities; contacts at Forum sessions; actions by the Forum secretariat; or multi-stakeholder dialogues.

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Specific criterion for review: <b>(b) Forum for continued policy development and dialogue:</b> <b>(i) The extent to which the international arrangement on forests, including, inter alia, Forum sessions, intersessional work and the multi-stakeholder dialogue, and the related work of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and its members, as well as country- and organization-led initiatives, have enhanced forest policy development and dialogue</b>					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: <sup>a</sup> This question is being interpreted as the extent to which the international arrangement on forests has enhanced new forest policy development and dialogue internationally and in Canada.  From a Canadian perspective, the influence of the international arrangement on forests on domestic forest policies has been limited (see responses to questions (a)(i), (a)(ii), and (a)(iv)). While many reasons can be cited for this, a key reason is that the international arrangement is not legally binding and has not attempted to set international priorities, standards or guidelines pertaining to sustainable forest management. Regarding dialogue in Canada, while it predates the international arrangement, the international arrangement has had some positive but difficult to define impacts, for example in relationship to the way Canadians view forests and forest issues.  Internationally, it remains difficult to establish a direct link between the international arrangement and new international policy development. To a large extent, this is understandable given the large number of international agreements, bodies, organizations and processes addressing forest-related issues, and the fact that much of the policy development dates back to the Rio Earth Summit and before. Moreover, there are many cross-sectoral issues affecting forests. As a result, it is rare that any one forest-related issue is under the exclusive jurisdiction of one international body. This is among the reasons that many countries have called for a single legally binding agreement that would deal with forest issues in a comprehensive and integrated manner. In the absence of such a structure, it may remain difficult to directly link any one arrangement, including the work of the international arrangement on forests, to the development of specific international forest policies.					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: <sup>b</sup>					
Overall assessment of the international arrangement on forests	None <input type="checkbox"/>	Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moderate <input type="checkbox"/>	High <input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you quantify this criterion? Answer if appropriate.					
Quantifiable benchmarks (e.g., goals, criteria and indicators) There are no quantifiable benchmarks in Canada relating to this criterion.					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities <sup>c</sup>	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable

Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forum decisions/resolutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussions at Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country - and organization -led initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reports of ad hoc expert groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partnership-initiated activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contacts at Forum Sessions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Actions by the Forum secretariat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi-stakeholder dialogues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Specific criterion for review: <b>(b) Forum for continued policy development and dialogue:</b> <b>(ii) The extent to which the international arrangement on forests has worked in a transparent and participatory manner, including through the involvement of major groups</b>					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: <sup>a</sup> The international arrangement on forests has worked in a transparent and participatory manner as called for in the ECOSOC resolution that also created the UNFF. Moreover, information arising from the Arrangement is broadly distributed and all interested parties and groups are encouraged to participate. Regarding the UNFF, however, there are limitations to the participation of major groups imposed by UN rules and procedures and by budgets.					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: <sup>b</sup>					
Overall assessment of the international arrangement on forests	None <input type="checkbox"/>	Limited <input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate <input type="checkbox"/>	High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you quantify this criterion? Answer if appropriate. Quantifiable benchmarks (e.g., goals, criteria and indicators) Not applicable.					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities <sup>c</sup>	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forum decisions/resolutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussions at Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country- and organization-led initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reports of ad hoc expert groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partnership-initiated activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contacts at Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Actions by the Forum secretariat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi-stakeholder dialogues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Specific criterion for review: <b>(b) Forum for continued policy development and dialogue:</b> <b>(iii) The extent to which the Collaborative Partnership on Forests members have responded to the guidance of the Forum</b>					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: <sup>a</sup>  The Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) has made progress in addressing the guidance from the Forum. Notable among its successes are the database of funding sources for forests and the work to streamline international reporting. In summary, the CPF has responded well to the Forum's guidance to the extent that it has been coincident with the guidance of the governing bodies of CPF member organizations.  Untapped potential still remains for CPF members and their organizations to increase coordination to help countries, notably developing countries and countries with economies in transition, achieve their forest management goals and objectives.					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: <sup>b</sup>					
Overall assessment of the international arrangement on forests	None <input type="checkbox"/>	Limited <input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High <input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you quantify this criterion? Answer if appropriate. Quantifiable benchmarks (e.g., goals, criteria and indicators) Not applicable.					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities <sup>c</sup>	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forum decisions/resolutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussions at Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country- and organization-led initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reports of ad hoc expert groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partnership-initiated activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contacts at Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Actions by the Forum secretariat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi-stakeholder dialogues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Specific criterion for review: <b>(b) Forum for continued policy development and dialogue:</b> <b>(iv) The extent to which progress has been made in reaching a common understanding of forest-related concepts, terminology and definitions</b>					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: <sup>a</sup>					
<p>Good progress has been made since the Rio Earth Summit in 1992 on forest-related concepts, terminology and definitions. The importance of this progress is mirrored in the broadening of the use of forest concepts and terms across multiple international, regional, national and local agreements, organizations, bodies and processes. Examples of such concepts and terms that are now used globally include: sustainable forest management, criteria and indicators, deforestation and forest degradation, forest certification and related chain of custody. As pointed out by the “Second Expert Meeting on Harmonizing Forest-related Definitions for Use by Various Stakeholders held in 2002 and organized by FAO and IPCC, in collaboration with CIFOR, IUFRO and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), considerable work remains on harmonizing concepts and terms. However, care needs to be taken in selecting the concepts and terms to be harmonized.</p>					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: <sup>b</sup>					
Overall assessment of the international arrangement on forests	None <input type="checkbox"/>	Limited <input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate <input type="checkbox"/>	High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you quantify this criterion? Answer if appropriate.					
Quantifiable benchmarks (e.g., goals, criteria and indicators)					
There are no quantifiable benchmarks in Canada relating to this criterion.					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities <sup>c</sup>	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forum decisions/resolutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussions at Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country- and organization-led initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reports of ad hoc expert groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partnership-initiated activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Contacts at Forum Sessions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Actions by the Forum secretariat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi-stakeholder dialogues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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<sup>c</sup> In accordance with paragraph 2 (b) above, please give an appraisal of the international arrangement on forests according to its different activities, as appropriate, such as: Forum sessions; Forum decisions/resolutions; panel discussions at Forum sessions: country- and organization-led initiatives; reports of ad hoc expert groups; Partnership -

initiated activities; contacts at Forum sessions; actions by the Forum secretariat; or multi-stakeholder dialogues.

**Annex**

**Voluntary questionnaire to facilitate the review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests at the fifth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests**

Specific criterion for review:					
<b>(c) Cooperation and policy and programme coordination:</b>					
<b>(i) The extent to which partnerships relevant to the implementation of the IPF/IFF proposals for action have been advanced</b>					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: <sup>a</sup>					
<p>Actions at all levels in support of sustainable forest management increasingly integrate partnerships into their development and implementation. Such partnerships reflect the complex, cross-sectoral and public-private sector nature of the comprehensive and integrated approaches needed to effectively address the multiple problems facing forests worldwide. Partnerships can be formal (e.g. contractual) or informal (e.g. collaborative), limited in participants or open-ended. Increasingly, key elements of successful partnerships are the mutual respect among participants and the mutual commitment to follow-up and report on a set of predefined, time-bound actions.</p> <p>Partnerships in many cases are not explicitly linked to the IPF/IFF proposals for action. However, due to the breadth of the proposals for action, links can be made between the growing number of partnerships in support of sustainable forest management and one or more of the proposals for action. Internationally, drivers of partnerships include, the international arrangement on forests, the G 8, WSSD, and the decisions/resolutions of forest-related agreements, organizations, bodies and processes.</p>					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: <sup>b</sup>					
Overall assessment of the international arrangement on forests	None <input type="checkbox"/>	Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moderate <input type="checkbox"/>	High <input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you quantify this criterion? Answer if appropriate.					
<p>Quantifiable benchmarks (e.g., goals, criteria and indicators)</p> <p>There are no quantifiable benchmarks in Canada relating to this criterion.</p>					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities <sup>c</sup>	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable

Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forum decisions/resolutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussions at Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country- and organization-led initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reports of ad hoc expert groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partnership-initiated activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Contacts at Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Actions by the Forum secretariat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi-stakeholder dialogues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<sup>c</sup> In accordance with paragraph 2 (b) above, please give an appraisal of the international arrangement on forests according to its different activities, as appropriate, such as: Forum sessions; Forum decisions/resolutions; panel discussions at Forum sessions; country- and organization-led initiatives; reports of ad hoc expert groups; Partnership-initiated activities; contacts at Forum sessions; actions by the Forum secretariat; or multi-stakeholder dialogues.

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**Voluntary questionnaire to facilitate the review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests at the fifth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests**

Specific criterion for review:					
<b>(c) Cooperation and policy and programme coordination:</b>					
<b>(ii) The extent to which the international arrangement on forests has facilitated and promoted coordination and cooperation among other forest-related organizations, instruments and processes</b>					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: <sup>a</sup>					
<p>See also responses to question (b) (i, iii and iv) and (c) (i). This question is interpreted as the extent to which the international arrangement on forests has brought about enhanced levels or approaches to coordination and cooperation among international forest-related organizations, instruments, bodies and processes. The reason for the distinction between this interpretation and the specific wording of the question is the desire to differentiate between the broad processes of facilitation and promotion, notably by the UNFF in the UN context, and improved international coordination and cooperation.</p> <p>Despite the impressive advancements in international forest-related policy, science, technology and law, Canadians are concerned that the world's forests continue to be lost at an unacceptable rate. Even in the face of clear direction from the world's Leaders, such as that developed at the Rio Earth Summit in 1992 and more recently at WSSD in 2002, the majority of both animal and plant extinctions continue to be from forest and woodland ecosystems. Even though our ability to monitor and assess the risks to forests has never been greater, forest degradation continues at unacceptable levels.</p> <p>There are a host of international agreements, organizations, bodies and processes that deal directly or indirectly with forest management and there has been repeated calls, for example from governments and civil society, for better coordination and cooperation among them that would lead towards accelerated progress in sustainable forest management. Notwithstanding the contribution of the international arrangement on forests, including from the UNFF and its Secretariat towards this end, few would dispute that the international forest regime is not yet adequately addressing the persistent problems undermining the world's forests and the well-being of those who depend on them.</p> <p>This issue, i.e., the lack of cooperation and coordination throughout a fragmented international forest policy regime, is among the reasons for the call by many countries for a dedicated, comprehensive and effective legally binding international agreement on forests. In the absence of such international law, it may remain difficult to directly link any one arrangement, including the work of the international arrangement on forests, to improvements in cooperation and coordination among other forest-related agreements, organizations, bodies and processes.</p>					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: <sup>b</sup>					
Overall assessment of the international arrangement on forests	None <input type="checkbox"/>	Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moderate <input type="checkbox"/>	High <input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you quantify this criterion? Answer if appropriate.					

Quantifiable benchmarks (e.g., goals, criteria and indicators)

There are no quantifiable benchmarks in Canada relating to this criterion.

Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities <sup>c</sup>	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forum decisions/resolutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussions at Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country- and organization-led initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reports of ad hoc expert groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partnership-initiated activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contacts at Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Actions by the Forum secretariat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi-stakeholder dialogues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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<sup>c</sup> In accordance with paragraph 2 (b) above, please give an appraisal of the international arrangement on forests according to its different activities, as appropriate, such as: Forum sessions; Forum decisions/resolutions; panel discussions at Forum sessions; country- and organization-led initiatives; reports of ad hoc expert groups; Partnership-initiated activities; contacts at Forum sessions; actions by the Forum secretariat; or multi-stakeholder dialogues.

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**Voluntary questionnaire to facilitate the review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests at the fifth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests**

Specific criterion for review: <b>(d) International cooperation:</b> <b>(i) The extent to which the international community, including bilateral and multilateral donors and organizations, Collaborative Partnership on Forests members and international and regional processes, have facilitated the implementation of IPF/IFF proposals for action in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, inter alia, through the provision of financial, technical and scientific resources and capacity-building</b>					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: <sup>a</sup> <p>This criterion is being interpreted as the extent to which Canada, as a bilateral donor and as a member of international agreements, organization, bodies and processes has facilitated the implementation of the IPF/IFF proposals for action in developing countries and countries with economies in transition through the provision of financial, technical and scientific resources and capacity building.</p> <p>Canada is a significant provider of forest-related financial, technical and scientific resources and capacity building to developing countries and countries with economies in transition. This international support is provided through official development assistance (ODA) as well as membership in international agreements, organizations, bodies and processes.</p> <p>Regarding ODA, Canada has a long history of providing international assistance in response to developing country requests to improve their forest management and address other forest-related conservation and environment issues. As a member of multilateral donor organizations, notably the World Bank and the Global Environmental Facility, Canada continues to support the need for international financial resources to be available for forests to help developing countries and countries with economies in transition achieve sustainable development goals, including those related to forests. The definition and implementation of the national forest programs in developing countries, has assisted Canada to address their national forest priorities.</p> <p>Canada, through its membership in international organizations such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the International Tropical Timber Organization, supports the development of policies and programs aimed at achieving sustainable forest management. Moreover, Canada contributes to the efforts of the Montreal Process Working Group to build the capacity of its members and of other countries wishing to learn from the Montreal Process experience.</p>					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: <sup>b</sup>					
Overall assessment of the international arrangement on forests	None <input type="checkbox"/>	Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moderate <input type="checkbox"/>	High <input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you quantify this criterion? Answer if appropriate.					
Quantifiable benchmarks (e.g., goals, criteria and indicators) There are no quantifiable benchmarks in Canada relating to this criterion. However, ODA levels (i.e. ODA funding for forests) could be used as a benchmark.					

Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities <sup>c</sup>	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
Forum Sessions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forum decisions/resolutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussions at Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country- and organization-led initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reports of ad hoc expert groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partnership-initiated activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contacts at Forum Sessions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Actions by the Forum secretariat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi-stakeholder dialogues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<sup>c</sup> In accordance with paragraph 2 (b) above, please give an appraisal of the international arrangement on forests according to its different activities, as appropriate, such as: Forum sessions; Forum decisions/resolutions; panel discussions at Forum sessions; country- and organization-led initiatives; reports of ad hoc expert groups; Partnership-initiated activities; contacts at Forum sessions; actions by the Forum secretariat; or multi-stakeholder dialogues.

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**Voluntary questionnaire to facilitate the review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests at the fifth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests**

Specific criterion for review: <b>(d) International cooperation:</b> <b>(ii) The extent to which the international arrangement on forests has promoted efforts by the international community to facilitate the implementation of the IPF/IFF proposals for action through, in particular, North-South cooperation and public-private partnerships, as well as through South-South and North-North cooperation</b>					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: <sup>a</sup> <p>This criterion is being interpreted as the extent to which the international arrangement on forests has increased the efforts of the international community to improve implementation of IPF/IFF proposals for action through, in particular North-South cooperation and public-private partnerships, as well as through South-South and North-North cooperation.</p> <p>Since the creation of the international arrangement on forests, the international community has endeavoured to advance understanding and accelerate implementation of a range of IPF/IFF proposals for action. Notable among these efforts have been country-hosted initiatives. In addition, the initiatives of international organizations and bodies, for example the World Bank, FAO and the ITTO, have fostered new avenues for cooperation. The private sector, under the banners of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development and the International Council of Forest and Paper Associations, continues to foster mechanisms for strengthening cooperation and partnerships aimed at achieving sustainable forest management. Civil society also continues its leadership role in bringing together interested parties to explore new and innovative approaches to address global forest issues.</p> <p>For the purposes of this questionnaire it is not possible to definitively evaluate the extent to which the international arrangement on forests has caused or increased the activities mentioned above. Such an assessment would require an understanding of what would have occurred in the absence of the international arrangement on forests ... a very difficult exercise. However, it is a reasonable assumption that, given the numerous international forest-related mandates, some if not many of these activities would have taken place anyway.</p>					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: <sup>b</sup>					
Overall assessment of the international arrangement on forests	None <input type="checkbox"/>	Limited <input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High <input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you quantify this criterion? Answer if appropriate.					
Quantifiable benchmarks (e.g., goals, criteria and indicators) There are no known quantifiable benchmarks relating to this criterion.					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities <sup>c</sup>	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable

Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forum decisions/resolutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussions at Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country - and organization -led initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reports of ad hoc expert groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partnership-initiated activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contacts at Forum Sessions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Actions by the Forum secretariat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi-stakeholder dialogues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<sup>c</sup> In accordance with paragraph 2 (b) above, please give an appraisal of the international arrangement on forests according to its different activities, as appropriate, such as: Forum sessions; Forum decisions/resolutions; panel discussions at Forum sessions; country- and organization-led initiatives; reports of ad hoc expert groups; Partnership-initiated activities; contacts at Forum sessions; actions by the Forum secretariat; or multi-stakeholder dialogues.

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**Voluntary questionnaire to facilitate the review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests at the fifth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests**

Specific criterion for review:  
**(e) Monitoring and assessing progress through reporting:**  
**(i) The extent to which countries, regions, organizations and processes respond to the call from Forum and Collaborative Partnership on Forests members for voluntary reports, with a focus on the implementation of the IPF/IFF proposals for action**

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Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples:<sup>a</sup>

Canada has reported to each of the substantive sessions of the UNFF. Canada gave a verbal report to UNFF 2 highlighting its activities related to the IPF/IFF proposals for action under consideration as there was no agreed upon format for reporting at that time. Written reports were submitted, however, to UNFF 3, 4 and 5.

While Canada is in a position to report to the UNFF, many countries are not for reasons well documented in the UNFF's session reports. Altogether, 54 countries have submitted voluntary national reports to at least one UNFF session. This is a very low response rate; however, to reiterate, many countries are not in a position to prepare voluntary thematic national reports for the sole use of the UNFF.

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Role of the international arrangement on forests:<sup>b</sup>

Overall assessment of the international arrangement on forests	None <input type="checkbox"/>	Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moderate <input type="checkbox"/>	High <input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
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Do you quantify this criterion? Answer if appropriate.

Quantifiable benchmarks (e.g., goals, criteria and indicators)  
 There are no known quantifiable benchmarks relating to this criterion.

Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities <sup>c</sup>	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forum decisions/resolutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussions at Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country- and organization-led initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reports of ad hoc expert groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partnership-initiated activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contacts at Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Actions by the Forum secretariat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi-stakeholder dialogues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Specific criterion for review: <b>(e) Monitoring and assessing progress through reporting:</b> <b>(ii) The extent to which trends, lessons learned, emerging issues and actions are identified and become apparent through those voluntary reports</b>					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: <sup>a</sup> The Secretary General reports prepared for past UNFF sessions have presented informative synopses of trends, lessons learned, emerging issues and actions related to the IPF/IFF proposals for action. However, the preparation of these documents was not based solely on the member states' national reports due to the low number of reports received. In many cases the preparation of Secretary General papers reflects consultation with a wide range of sources as a means to report more authoritatively on the implementation of the IPF/IFF proposals for action.  Regarding Secretary General reports, Canada would like to underscore the importance of making these reports available as early as possible in French and the other official UN languages after the initial distribution of the advanced, unedited English text. Early distribution of reports in the official UN languages is an important means to facilitate preparation and participation at UNFF sessions.					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: <sup>b</sup>					
Overall assessment of the international arrangement on forests	None <input type="checkbox"/>	Limited <input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High <input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you quantify this criterion? Answer if appropriate. Quantifiable benchmarks (e.g., goals, criteria and indicators) There are no known quantifiable benchmarks relating to this criterion.					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities <sup>c</sup>	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forum decisions/resolutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussions at Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country- and organization-led initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reports of ad hoc expert groups	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partnership-initiated activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contacts at Forum Sessions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Actions by the Forum secretariat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi-stakeholder dialogues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<sup>c</sup> In accordance with paragraph 2 (b) above, please give an appraisal of the international arrangement on forests according to its different activities, as appropriate, such as: Forum sessions; Forum decisions/resolutions; panel discussions at Forum sessions: country- and organization-led initiatives; reports of ad hoc expert groups; Partnership-initiated activities; contacts at Forum sessions; actions by the Forum secretariat; or multi-stakeholder dialogues.

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Specific criterion for review: <b>(e) Monitoring and assessing progress through reporting:</b> <b>(iii) The extent to which major groups have been encouraged to participate in developing voluntary reports</b>					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: <sup>a</sup>					
<p>This criterion is being interpreted as the process used to request the views of provincial and territorial governments, federal departments, and major groups in Canada in the development of Canada's national reports to the UNFF.</p> <p>As background to this question, it is important to point out that 93 percent of Canada's forest is public land, with seven percent privately owned. Provincial and territorial governments own 77 percent of Canada's forests and the federal government owns 16 percent. This distribution of responsibility reflects Canada's Constitution that gives provincial governments ownership and jurisdiction to regulate the natural resources within their boundaries, with exclusive power to legislate for the enhancement, conservation and management of forest resources. The territories now have responsibility for their own resource management. The federal role for forestry is grounded in its responsibility for the national economy, trade and international relations, science and technology, the environment, federal lands and parks, and Aboriginal matters.</p> <p>Reflecting constitutional jurisdiction, Canada's UNFF focal point notifies provincial and territorial governments and federal departments of the preparation of national reports to the UNFF. Notifications are also sent to interested parties in Canada. The notifications request updated information on issues discussed in earlier national reports and information pertaining to specific UNFF agenda items.</p> <p>Canada's UNFF focal point prepares initial draft reports based on the views received and recently released reports. Comments are solicited on circulated draft reports. All comments are taken into account in the preparation of final reports submitted to the UNFF.</p>					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: <sup>b</sup>					
Overall assessment of the international arrangement on forests	None <input type="checkbox"/>	Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moderate <input type="checkbox"/>	High <input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you quantify this criterion? Answer if appropriate.					
Quantifiable benchmarks (e.g., goals, criteria and indicators) There are no quantifiable benchmarks in Canada relating to this criterion.					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities <sup>c</sup>	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable

Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forum decisions/resolutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussions at Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country- and organization-led initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reports of ad hoc expert groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partnership-initiated activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contacts at Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Actions by the Forum secretariat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi-stakeholder dialogues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**Voluntary questionnaire to facilitate the review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests at the fifth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests**

Specific criterion for review: <b>(e) Monitoring and assessing progress through reporting:</b> <b>(iv) The extent to which Collaborative Partnership on Forests members have worked to strengthen countries. abilities to monitor, assess and report progress in the implementation of IPF/IFF proposals for action</b>					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: <sup>a</sup> As the Collaborative Partnership on Forests does not provide direct support to Canada, this question is not applicable.					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: <sup>b</sup>					
Overall assessment of the international arrangement on forests	None <input type="checkbox"/>	Limited <input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate <input type="checkbox"/>	High <input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do you quantify this criterion? Answer if appropriate. Quantifiable benchmarks (e.g., goals, criteria and indicators) There are no known quantifiable benchmarks relating to this criterion.					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities <sup>c</sup>	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Forum decisions/resolutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Discussions at Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Country - and organization -led initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reports of ad hoc expert groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Partnership -initiated activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Contacts at Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Actions by the Fo rum secretariat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Multi -stakeholder dialogues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Specific criterion for review: <b>(e) Monitoring and assessing progress through reporting:</b> <b>(v) The extent to which Forum sessions provide opportunities to voluntarily report progress and lessons learned</b>					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: <sup>a</sup> Forum sessions provide an opportunity to member states and major groups to submit voluntary reports highlighting actions taken in support of sustainable forest management and related lessons learned. In addition, through interventions on agenda items, multi stakeholder dialogues and side events, Forum sessions enable an exchange of views and experiences. There is a broadly held view, however, that there is an untapped potential to improve the extent of voluntary reporting and the communication among the member states themselves as well as between the member states and the UN major groups.					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: <sup>b</sup>					
Overall assessment of the international arrangement on forests	None <input type="checkbox"/>	Limited <input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate <input type="checkbox"/>	High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you quantify this criterion? Answer if appropriate.					
Quantifiable benchmarks (e.g., goals, criteria and indicators) Canada has reported on its actions in support of sustainable forest management at each of the substantive Forum sessions. With the adoption of a reporting format, Canada submitted written reports to UNFF 3, UNFF 4 and UNFF 5.					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities <sup>c</sup>	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forum decisions/resolutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussions at Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country - and organization -led initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reports of ad hoc expert groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Partnership-initiated activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contacts at Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Actions by the Forum secretariat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Multi-stakeholder dialogues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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according to its different activities, as appropriate, such as: Forum sessions; Forum decisions/resolutions; panel discussions at Forum sessions; country- and organization-led initiatives; reports of ad hoc expert groups; Partnership-initiated activities; contacts at Forum sessions; actions by the Forum secretariat; or multi-stakeholder dialogues.

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**Voluntary questionnaire to facilitate the review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests at the fifth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests**

<p>Specific criterion for review:  <b>(e) Monitoring and assessing progress through reporting:</b>  <b>(vi) The extent to which countries make progress in monitoring, assessment and reporting through, inter alia, applying criteria and indicator processes or similar tools in their efforts to achieve sustainable forest management</b></p>					
<p>Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples:<sup>a</sup></p> <p>This question is interpreted as the extent to which Canada has made progress in monitoring assessing and reporting, through inter alia, applying criteria and indicator processes or similar tools in the effort to achieve sustainable forest management.</p> <p>See responses to questions (a)(i-v)</p> <p>As outlined in the national reports to UNFF 4 and 5, Canada's national forest inventory supports the multiple forest values embodied in the Canadian Council of Forest Ministers (CCFM) Framework of Criteria and Indicators and the Montreal Process Criteria and Indicators, and provides data for national and international initiatives.</p> <p>Addressing the need for comprehensive information on Canada's forests, a National Forest Information System is under continuing development to provide for the access, integration, analysis and delivery of diverse spatial and thematic forest resource information holdings in support of national and international reporting requirements for sustainable forest management. National in nature, the new information system will enable the consolidation, coordination and analysis of dispersed forestry -related information held by resource management agencies such as federal, provincial and territorial governments and others.</p> <p>The Earth Observation for Sustainable Development of Forests (EOSD) is another program contributing to the monitoring of Canada's forests. EOSD is producing a land cover map of the forested area of Canada based on Landsat data.</p> <p>In 2000, the CCFM released Canada's national C&amp;I report, Criteria and Indicators of Sustainable Forest Management in Canada: National Status 2000. This was Canada's first attempt to report on all of the indicators in the CCFM C&amp;I framework. In the Spring of 2003, Canada's national framework of C&amp;I was reviewed. In the Autumn of 2003, a revised framework, containing 46 indicators, was released to the public. This revised CCFM C&amp;I framework better defines what is meant by sustainable forest management in the Canadian context and ensures that the framework is adaptable, while allowing indicators to change as relevant Canadian values, issues and concerns change, and ensuring that the indicators are as suitable and functional as possible. Collectively, these revised indicators provide an improved framework for describing the state of forests and forest management, and for periodically monitoring implementation of sustainable forest management.</p>					
<p>Role of the international arrangement on forests:<sup>b</sup></p>					
Overall assessment of the	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable

international arrangement on forests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you quantify this criterion? Answer if appropriate.					
Quantifiable benchmarks (e.g., goals, criteria and indicators)					
There are no quantifiable benchmarks in Canada relating to this criterion.					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities <sup>c</sup>	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forum decisions/resolutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussions at Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country- and organization-led initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reports of ad hoc expert groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partnership-initiated activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contacts at Forum Sessions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Actions by the Forum secretariat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi-stakeholder dialogues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Specific criterion for review:  
**(f) Strengthening political commitment:**  
**(i) The extent to which high-level engagement furthers political commitment to the implementation of the IPF/IFF proposals for action by countries**

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Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples:<sup>a</sup>

The high-level segment at UNFF 2 resulted in a clearly worded Ministerial Declaration in support of the IPF/IFF proposals for action and the need to strengthen international cooperation to achieve sustainable forest management. Globally, however, the levels of deforestation and forest degradation remain unacceptably high. A high level of engagement at Forum sessions does not, in and of itself, translate into political commitment to take greater action in support of forests.

An effective, dedicated legally binding international agreement on forests would have the potential to improve the international governance of forests worldwide and, in a related manner, the level of political commitment to take greater action at all levels in support sustainable forest management.

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Role of the international arrangement on forests:<sup>b</sup>

Overall assessment of the international arrangement on forests	None <input type="checkbox"/>	Limited <input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High <input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
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Do you quantify this criterion? Answer if appropriate.

Quantifiable benchmarks (e.g., goals, criteria and indicators)  
 There are no known quantifiable benchmarks relating to this criterion.

Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities <sup>c</sup>	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forum decisions/resolutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussions at Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country- and organization-led initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reports of ad hoc expert groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partnership-initiated activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contacts at Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Actions by the Forum secretariat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi-stakeholder dialogues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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initiated activities; contacts at Forum sessions; actions by the Forum secretariat; or multi-stakeholder dialogues.

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Specific criterion for review: <b>(f) Strengthening political commitment:</b> <b>(ii) The extent to which the international arrangement on forests succeeds in enhancing the positioning of forests on the international agenda</b>					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: <sup>a</sup> Arguably, the position of forests on the international political agenda is weaker today than at the time of the creation of the international arrangement on forests in 2000. Forest issues were not a key focus of attention at WSSD and as yet they are not seen outside of the forest community as integral to achieving the Millennium Development Goals. Moreover, forest issues do not have the same international political profile as security issues. Nor do they have the same profile as certain environmental issues such as climate change and biodiversity. While the presence of the international arrangement on forests may have helped to slow this decline, it cannot easily be said that it has elevated the position of forests on the international agenda.					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: <sup>b</sup>					
Overall assessment of the international arrangement on forests	None <input type="checkbox"/>	Limited <input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High <input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you quantify this criterion? Answer if appropriate. Quantifiable benchmarks (e.g., goals, criteria and indicators) There are no known quantifiable benchmarks relating to this criterion.					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities <sup>c</sup>	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forum decisions/resolutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussions at Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country- and organization-led initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reports of ad hoc expert groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partnership-initiated activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contacts at Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Actions by the Forum secretariat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi-stakeholder dialogues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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