



1 November 2004

Mr. Pekka Patosaari,
Co-ordinator and Head,
Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests,
DC2-2286,
2 UN Plaza,
New York,
NY 10017,
USA.

Dear Mr, Patosaari

I refer to ECOSOC Resolution 2003/35 in respect of the establishment of the international arrangement on forests and to UNFF resolution 4/4 by which a review process of this arrangement was set up.

Following resolution 4/4, the submission of the questionnaire at the end of July and your letter on this matter of 13 October, the Netherlands, as Presidency of the European Union, is pleased to submit the following views on the international arrangement on forests on behalf of the EU.

Yours sincerely,

[This letter was transmitted electronically and is therefore unsigned]

Rebecca Parzer-Gludemans
Acting chair of the Working Party on Forests

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

<p>Specific criterion for review: (a) Implementation of IPF/IFF proposals for action: (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</p>											
<p>Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples.^a</p> <p>EU member states have undertaken a series of steps to implement the IPF/IFF proposals for action. References to the progress made in relation to the implementation of IPF/IFF Proposals for Action are included in the national reports submitted by countries to the UNFF sessions.</p> <p>Examples are:</p> <p>Austria: Commissioned by the Austrian Government, two studies have been carried out in broad stakeholder consultation to evaluate the degree of implementation of both the IPF/IFF Proposals for Action and the forest related actions of the CBD:(Evaluierung der Umsetzung der IPF- und IFF-Aktionsvorschläge in Österreich [2002], Evaluierung der Umsetzung des erweiterten CBD-Arbeitsprogramms für biologische Vielfalt der Wälder und der IPF- und IFF-Aktionsvorschläge in Österreich [2003], Helga Pülzl, Institute of Forest Sector Policy and Economics at the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna)The identified gaps of implementation are dealt with by the Austrian Forest Programme (Austrian Forest Dialogue) in a participatory, crosssectoral manner and will be subject to further progress evaluation.</p> <p>Spain: In Spain the Government developed a Forest Strategy, National Forest Plan and regional Forest Plans, forest law and Criteria and Indicators for sustainable Spanish forests management and created a National Forest Council as a consultative body. In addition, many of the compromises taken at the MCPFE do take into account the IPF/IFF proposals for action, so we do have the commitment to implement them at a national level.</p> <p>The Netherlands: Timber production in the Netherlands is to a large extent a by-product of the maintenance of forests managed for their conservation, recreation and landscape values. As such the Netherlands does not have a National Forest Plan or measure the implementation of individual IPF/IFF proposals for action. Instead it bases its policies on its 2001 policy document “Nature for People, People for Nature”. This document contains a broad set of goals, priorities and measures to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of rural areas, including protected areas and forests. The document is the outcome of the international commitments made by the Netherlands such a those contained in the Forest Principles, the IPF/IFF proposals for action and the Convention on Biological Diversity.</p>											
<p>Role of the international arrangement on forests:^b</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; padding: 5px;">Overall assessment of the international arrangement on forests</td> <td style="width: 16.5%; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">None <input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="width: 16.5%; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="width: 16.5%; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Moderate <input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="width: 16.5%; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">High <input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="width: 16.5%; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>						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"/>
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"/>						
<p>Do you quantify this criterion? Answer if appropriate.</p>											

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

Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities ^c	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

^a Additional information can be attached to this questionnaire.

^b Place an X in the appropriate box.

^c 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: (a) Implementation of IPF/IFF proposals for action: (ii) The extent to which countries have developed and started to implement national forest programmes or equivalent processes					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: ^a All EU Member States have national forest policy processes though not all are termed national forest programmes. In order to achieve a common view on what is understood as a national forest Programme in Europe, the MCPFE developed an "MCPFE approach to National Forest Programmes in Europe" and the European ministers responsible for forestry in 2003 signed the Vienna Resolution 1 "Strengthen Synergies for Sustainable Forest Management in Europe Through Cross-sectoral Co-operation and National Forest Programmes". Most national forest programmes have been reviewed in the past 6 years and have taken into account relevant IFF/IPF Proposals for Action and many refer to the international dimension beyond national borders. In a number of EU countries operational responsibility for forests lies at the sub-national level. The nfp concept was developed in IFF-IPF. While the concept has been further developed by governments and CPF members it has not been discussed to any great extent at UNFF.					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: ^b					
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) Assessment is based on perceived additional impact of the international arrangement on forests since 2000 and distinguishes this from impact of IPF-IFF					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities ^c	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>

^a Additional information can be attached to this questionnaire.

^b Place an X in the appropriate box.

^c 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: (a) Implementation of IPF/IFF proposals for action: (iii) The extent to which participation of stakeholders in those programmes and processes has been enhanced					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: ^a The emphasis on participation in the IFF/IPF Proposals for Action has had a positive influence on stakeholder participation, though other more general national policies concerning participation are also relevant. Forest owners and users, business entities and environmental and locality-based NGOs have been empowered to participate in nfp planning, implementation and review processes in many MS of the EU.					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: ^b					
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) Establishment of consultative bodies					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities ^c	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
forum sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MSD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reporting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>	<input 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"/>
	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

^a Additional information can be attached to this questionnaire.

^b Place an X in the appropriate box.

^c 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:					
(a) Implementation of IPF/IFF proposals for action:					
(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					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: ^a					
<p>Within the EU the primary influence of the iaf has been on forest policy, and indirectly on means of implementation of forest policy. One example of the latter is that European Community financing of forest-related rural development measures requires proposed actions to be coherent with national forest programmes. The UNFF decided to establish the expert group on FINTEST late in the process, and the Forum has yet to consider the report of the AHEG substantively.</p>					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: ^b					
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, c riteria and indicators)					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities ^c	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>

^a Additional information can be attached to this questionnaire.

^b Place an X in the appropriate box.

^c 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; Fo rum 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: (a) Implementation of IPF/IFF proposals for action: (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					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: ^a Many EU Member States and the European Commission have assessed the IPF/IFF Proposals for Action in order to determine their relevance. These exercises have varied from systematic formal studies to more informal assessments. In some cases the number and detailed character of the Proposals for Action and implications for time required have impeded widespread participation in these assessments.					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: ^b					
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)					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities ^c reporting	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>	<input 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"/>
	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

^a Additional information can be attached to this questionnaire.
^b Place an X in the appropriate box.
^c 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) Forum for continued policy development and dialogue: (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					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: ^a Formal forest policy development at the global level has been limited due to a lack of participation from national forest policy levels at ordinary UNFF sessions and due to the fact that UNFF does not have a policy implementation instrument. The functioning of the Forum is rather based on exchange of information and on the understanding that the focus of UNFF should be on the implementation of existing commitments through voluntary action. Forest policy dialogue has been most successful in the more technical format of country-led initiatives and expert group meetings. Within the UNFF meetings panel discussions at UNFF4 were quite successful, multi-stakeholder dialogues have been useful but can be more difficult to follow as they are less structured and don't use visual aids. Individual CPF members have made substantial contributions to forest policy development.					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: ^b					
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)					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities ^c	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
Forum Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country led initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CPF joint activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>	<input 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"/>
	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

^a Additional information can be attached to this questionnaire.
^b Place an X in the appropriate box.
^c 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) Forum for continued policy development and dialogue:					
(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					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: ^a					
<p>Participation of major groups has improved, but ECOSOC accreditation remains a constraint for participation of all relevant stakeholders such as the private sector, NGO's and Forest owner's associations. The UNFF website is of a good standard.</p> <p>The process of initial drafting of Resolutions at UNFF is perceived in some cases as non-transparent.</p> <p>Plenary format can constrain participation compared to smaller sized groups</p> <p>Country led initiatives vary in the degree of participation of major groups - there is no clear guidance on this. UNFF Secretariat appears to have been supportive to major group participation within its financial and procedural constraints.</p> <p>Despite their obvious interest in forests, opportunities for the participation of representatives of indigenous peoples have been limited</p>					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: ^b					
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)					
Comparison to processes such as FLEG Ministerial Meetings, FAO COFO, CBD					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities ^c	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
UNFF Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi-stakeholder discussions,; panels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country led initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Expert Groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CPF	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
UNFF Secretariat facilitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>	<input 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"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

^a Additional information can be attached to this questionnaire.

^b Place an X in the appropriate box.

^c 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) Forum for continued policy development and dialogue: (iii) The extent to which the Collaborative Partnership on Forests members have responded to the guidance of the Forum					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: ^a CPF members are constrained by the mandates given by their governing bodies and limited resources for collaborative action. Nevertheless they are addressing some priority issues requested by UNFF and requiring coordination, notably the Forest Sourcebook, work on definitions and streamlining reporting. In general we consider the CPF as one of the most promising and innovative aspects of the international arrangement on forests.					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: ^b					
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) Major joint CPF activities in comparison to UNFF Resolutions					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities ^c	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>

^a Additional information can be attached to this questionnaire.

^b Place an X in the appropriate box.

^c 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) Forum for continued policy development and dialogue: (iv) The extent to which progress has been made in reaching a common understanding of forest-related concepts, terminology and definitions					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: ^a Progress has been rather slow due partly to a lack of coordination and resources and partly due to the different contexts in which similar forest related concepts and terms are used. The most notable "gaps" appear to be in relation to the discussion on forest sinks in UNFCCC. Some progress has been made however on concepts, particularly on Criteria and Indicators.. FAO leads within the CPF the work on streamlining forest-related definitions and benefits from the expertise of the CPF members. The Decision at UNFF4 on MAR including 7 thematic elements of sfm was significant in this respect. UNFF failed to respond to CBD's request for clarification of the ecosystem approach and sustainable forest management.					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: ^b					
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) Extent to which similar terms are used and understood as having equivalent meaning in different international conventions and processes					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities ^c	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
UNFF Sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CPF	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Expert Groups	<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"/>
	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

^a Additional information can be attached to this questionnaire.

^b Place an X in the appropriate box.

^c 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: (c) Cooperation and policy and programme coordination: (i) The extent to which partnerships relevant to the implementation of the IPF/IFF proposals for action have been advanced					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: ^a Major forest related Type II partnerships appear to have been formed more as a result of WSSD than UNFF. UNFF has not been very attractive for either private sector organisations or donor organisations EU donors have supported the national forest programme concept in bilateral cooperation and through multilateral initiatives such as PROFOR, the nfp Facility as well as contributions by EU memberstates to the GEF.					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: ^b					
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)					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities ^c	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>

^a Additional information can be attached to this questionnaire.

^b Place an X in the appropriate box.

^c 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: (c) Cooperation and policy and programme coordination: (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					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: ^a Note "other" is taken to refer to organisations, instruments and processes other than the CPF members. We are not aware of significant impact of the international arrangement on forests on cooperation and coordination with or amongst non-CPF members. What impact there has been appears to have been through participation in country or organisation-led initiatives and regional processes or on an ad-hoc basis with CPF members. The CPF itself appears to have operated in a effective and low-cost way. For example, during the International year of mountains (2003), bodies like the European Observatory of Mountain Forests have participated through the CPF network in the events					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: ^b					
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)					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities ^c	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>

^a Additional information can be attached to this questionnaire.

^b Place an X in the appropriate box.

^c 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: (d) International cooperation: (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					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: ^a In general, the international arrangement on forests lacks a mechanism to effectively address the means of implementation of SFM. Main international initiatives directly supporting implementation of of IFF/IPF Proposals for Action and supported by EU donors are the PROFOR initiative hosted by the World Bank and the nfp Facility hosted by FAO. A number of EU donors have provided support for nfp processes in a number of countries. The EU (Commission plus EU Member States) policies for development cooperation in the forest sector have incorporated many of the IPF/IFF Proposals for Action or the concepts underlying them. Opportunities for support are often constrained by a failure to link nfps with broader macro-economic planning processes which constitute the basis for governments and donors to determine priorities for development cooperation.					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: ^b					
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)					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities ^c	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
 	<input 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"/> <input 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"/> <input 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"/> <input 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"/> <input 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"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

^a Additional information can be attached to this questionnaire.
^b Place an X in the appropriate box.
^c 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: (d) International cooperation: (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					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: ^a See answers to question (d)(i). The nfp Facility in particular aims to foster South-South cooperation. Regional work may be in need of more attention as conditions for forestry vary significantly between eco-regions. In this respect regional intersessionals such as the Swedish-African Initiative with FAO and UNFF on sustainable Forest Management in Africa are also of importance.					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: ^b					
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)					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities ^c	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>

^a Additional information can be attached to this questionnaire.

^b Place an X in the appropriate box.

^c 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: (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					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: ^a Few countries, including developed countries, have consistently produced voluntary reports. Quality of reports varies from excellent (and frank) to routine (and defensive). Few countries or CPF members have applied a clustered approach in reporting on implementation. The number of Proposals for Action, makes reporting on them very difficult and time-consuming. The limited use which seems to be made of the information can be a disincentive for countries to invest resources in reporting. The expert group on MAR has recently reported on progress made in formulating improvement recommendations for international forest-related reporting, but these still need to be elaborated by UNFF and decisions made on their effective implementation.					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: ^b					
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) Number of reports submitted per country					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities ^c	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>

^a Additional information can be attached to this questionnaire.
^b Place an X in the appropriate box.
^c 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: (e) Monitoring and assessing progress through reporting: (ii) The extent to which trends, lessons learned, emerging issues and actions are identified and become apparent through those voluntary reports					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: ^a Variable. Trends may be hard to detect without improved quantitative and qualitative information. Emerging issues appear in some cases to be identified more readily by think tanks or research-oriented organisations than by national administrations compiling reports. The IAF has provided some useful opportunities to document and exchange lessons learnt. However many of these involve complex processes of institutional change which are difficult to summarise in a short intervention in the UNFF sessions.					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: ^b					
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)					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities ^c	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

^a Additional information can be attached to this questionnaire.

^b Place an X in the appropriate box.

^c 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: (e) Monitoring and assessing progress through reporting: (iii) The extent to which major groups have been encouraged to participate in developing voluntary reports					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: ^a Major groups have been encouraged to present reports on key themes of UNFF meetings but not to report on implementation of IPF/IFF Proposals for action, nor indeed to participate in the review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests.					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: ^b					
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)					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities ^c	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

^a Additional information can be attached to this questionnaire.

^b Place an X in the appropriate box.

^c 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: (e) Monitoring and assessing progress through reporting: (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					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: ^a CPF members have not assisted EU countries in this respect - which is logical since their activities are oriented to developing countries. With respect to developing countries and countries in transition we are not in a position to provide an assessment and rely on their responses.					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: ^b					
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)					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities ^c	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>

^a Additional information can be attached to this questionnaire.

^b Place an X in the appropriate box.

^c 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: (e) Monitoring and assessing progress through reporting: (v) The extent to which Forum sessions provide opportunities to voluntarily report progress and lessons learned					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: ^a This is one of the main objectives of the Forum. Opportunities are provided through discussions on the themes of the Forum sessions and through side events, however the plenary format does not lend itself to interactive discussions but rather to formal prepared statements. Reporting to the forum has suffered from a lack of participation by forestry staff from capital cities who are directly involved in national implementation. Session venues promote participation by diplomats rather than practitioners. Also the many themes UNFF has attempted to address have limited time for discussion of particular issues. Side events have provided a more appropriate format for reporting on progress on specific topics and lessons learned, but they are of course not linked to the plenary debates. The limited number of in-depth reporting and analysis of progress and lessons seriously weakens the representiveness of information provided through reports and consequently prevents UNFF from providing policy guidance based on updated knowledge. See also response to question e(i).					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: ^b					
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)					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities ^c	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
panels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
side events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>
	<input 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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

^a Additional information can be attached to this questionnaire.

^b Place an X in the appropriate box.

^c 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: (e) Monitoring and assessing progress through reporting: (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					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: ^a The continuing, though uneven, development of criteria and indicators is one of the more successful aspects of the iaf. Within Europe the MCPFE process has provided the framework for the development of C&I. Monitoring through forest inventories is well established in Europe, but increasingly the trend is to take factors other than timber production into account, for instance there is a well established EU-wide programme of monitoring of the impact of fires and air pollution on forests and monitoring of biodiversity is increasing. To what extent these developments are the result of the iaf and to what extent they reflect changes in society is difficult to determine.					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: ^b					
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)					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities ^c	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
Expert group on MAR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country led initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>	<input 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"/>
	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

^a Additional information can be attached to this questionnaire.
^b Place an X in the appropriate box.
^c 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: (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					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: ^a High level engagement has been useful in increasing commitment and awareness of the IPF/IFF Proposals for Action. However, political engagement requires simpler messages than those represented by the IPF/IFF Proposals for Action. High level segments at UNFF sessions should be more oriented towards policy guidance. These segments should preferably include direct interaction between ministers and director-generals or equivalent heads of CPF member organizations.					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: ^b					
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)					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities ^c	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

^a Additional information can be attached to this questionnaire.
^b Place an X in the appropriate box.
^c 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: (f) Strengthening political commitment: (ii) The extent to which the international arrangement on forests succeeds in enhancing the positioning of forests on the international agenda					
Remark/synthesis report with illustrative examples: ^a UNFF had some success agreeing a contribution on forests to the WSSD Plan of Implementation. The CPF partnership has also been a positive development in enhancing the position of forests on the international agenda. However, in general the UNFF has had limited success due to a perception that other legally binding conventions such as CBD, UNFCCC, CITES have greater "weight" than UNFF, and the limited progress in positioning forests in relation to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. The IAF also has a very small constituency of support amongst civil society organisations. Some argue that the legal status of the IAF may influence the level of political commitment..					
Role of the international arrangement on forests: ^b					
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)					
Assessment of the international arrangement on forests according to activities ^c	None	Limited	Moderate	High	Not applicable
UNFF Forum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CPF	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country led initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>	<input 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"/>
	<input 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"/>	<input 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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

^a Additional information can be attached to this questionnaire.

^b Place an X in the appropriate box.

^c 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.