Draft resolution by the Vice-Chairs of WG 1 on Agenda Items 3, 4, 5 and 8

The United Nations Forum on Forests,

PP1 Recalling the Non-legally Binding Authoritative Statement of Principles for a Global Consensus on Management, Conservation and Sustainable Development of All Types of Forests; [the Rio Principles including, inter alia, the principle of CBDR as set out in the Rio Declaration of Environment and Development, – G77] chapter 11 of Agenda 21; the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development; [the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests hereafter referred to as the forest instrument – EU] [the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests-G77] and the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development – “The Future We Want”;

PP2 Recalling further the Ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the 9th session of the UNFF on the occasion of the launch of the International Year of Forests, 2011[, as well as the Forum’s resolutions at its 8th and 9th sessions –EU delete];- G77 support

PP3 Recalling General Assembly resolution 61/193 proclaiming 2011 as the International Year of Forests, and General Assembly resolution 67/200 proclaiming 21 March of each year the International Day of Forests; - G77, EU support

[PP4 Welcoming the progress made/ Noting that some progress has been made – G77] by Member States on the implementation of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests [and recognizing that much is yet to be overcome regarding the means of implementation in particular financial resources - G77]; - EU move to OP]

[PP5 Welcoming also the collaborative activities undertaken by the CPF in 2011 and 2012 in support of the Forum [towards implementation of –EU][and-EU delete] the [NLBI / forest instrument-EU]on all types of forests, as well as the inputs and contributions of regional and sub-regional organizations and processes and major groups; -G77 support; EU move to OP]

PP6 Recalling the multi-year programme of work of the Forum (2007-2015) and the overall theme of its tenth session, “Forests and economic development”, as well as intersessional initiatives organized and led by countries, regions and organizations in support of the overall theme; - G77, EU support

[PP7 Recognizing the positive contribution of [forests/SFM-EU] [and inclusive economic growth-G77] to economic [growth/development-EU], [transition to green bio-based economies, poverty eradication, human well-being, livelihoods – EU] job creation [for all-G77] [particularly / including-EU] for [indigenous people, local communities, - G77] women and young people,
gender equality, rural development, [urban environments, –US] [sustainable consumption and production patterns, protection of the integrity of the Mother Earth, –G77] [[transformation to a green economy, - G77 delete] poverty eradication, - EU delete] disaster risk reduction, [combating desertification – Turkey] [and human well-being – EU delete], [energy, food security and agriculture- EU]; - EU move to OP]

[PP8 Emphasizing] that forests, trees outside forests and SFM provide [direct and indirect social, economic and environmental /multiple-EU] [, and cultural –G77 benefits at all levels and are essential to sustainable development. - EU move to OP]

[PP9 Noting] the importance of including [the dimensions, tangible and intangible, of forests – Turkey] forests in the deliberations on the [post-2015 development agenda/UN development agenda beyond 2015-G77]; - US delete; EU move to OP, revisit the language, coordinate with WG2]

[PP9 bis Recalling] that half of the world’s population is urban-based; this poses new challenges for all actors to address. –EU]

Forests and economic development

1. **Urges** Member States to:

   [Pre(a) Recognize the vital role and significant contribution of all types of forests and trees for achieving sustainable development and addressing the complex and interconnected global challenges related to economic and social development, poverty eradication, environmental sustainability, food security and agriculture, energy, water, mitigation of and adaptation to climate change, combating desertification and land degradation, conservation of biodiversity, watershed protection and disaster risk reduction. –US]

   [(a) Improve the systematic collection, analysis [, - Grenada] [and- Grenada delete] reporting [and dissemination – Grenada] of information and data on [economic, social and environmental benefits of forests, - G77] the [cash and non-cash contributions of forest [products / goods – Switzerland] and services [, including non-wood forest products (NWFPs), - Switzerland delete] to national and local – G77 delete] [national and global – G77]economies, as well as the valuation of the social and environmental benefits of forests to rural and urban communities, [in line with national circumstances - Argentina] [including their significant contribution to food, water, and energy security, – Bolivia] in order to recognize and integrate such values in national accounting systems [or national monitoring systems,- Bolivia] [as appropriate,- G77] and development policies and planning at all levels [, taking into account different visions, approaches, models and tools to achieve sustainable development and in accordance with national legislation and circumstances-G77]; - G77 to revert]
[(a) alt Recognize the cash and non-cash contributions of forest products and services to national and local economies, as well as to the social, cultural and environmental impacts of forests, to rural and urban communities, and to integrate such values in national accounting systems and development policies and planning at all levels, through:

(i) Improving the collection, analysis and reporting of information and data;

(ii) Developing methodologies for the recognition and valuation of the full range of forest values derived from forest products and services, including NWFPs. – EU]

(b) Integrate SFM into national development strategies, [as well as utilize the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests and national forest programmes –EU delete] [and –EU] [as platforms to – EU delete] [assess linkages / link – Switzerland] with other sectors and identify collaborative and integrated approaches to land management [which minimize negative impacts on forests / which enables maximum benefits from forests- Switzerland]; - G77 to revert

[(b) bis Take action to address the underlying causes of deforestation and forest degradation, by supporting economic development strategies that avoid forest degradation and loss and minimize negative impacts on forests. -US]

(c) Create, strengthen and implement [holistic, balanced, comprehensive and coherent policies and – G77] strategies which focus on enhancing the environmental, social and economic aspects of SFM as a cross-sectoral approach at the [local, -G77] national [sub-regional, and – G77] landscape [level/levels-G77];

[(c) alt Promote the sustainable management of forests and trees in an integrated approach across the landscape, including their integration into agriculture and other land use systems, as well as the restoration and rehabilitation of degraded forests and other lands. – US]

[(c)bis Recognize the role that forest ecosystem services play in economic development.- EU, Switzerland]

(d) Strengthen enabling [environments/conditions- Switzerland] [in accordance with national priorities and legislations –G77] to attract increased long-term [public and – G77] private sector [sustainable – Switzerland] investment in the forest sector and SFM [and enhancing the role and full participation of all relevant stakeholders in the forest sector including the indigenous people and local communities on sustainable forest management –G77, Switzerland], [including [through – G77, Switzerland] [natural forest management and conservation, forest restoration, – Switzerland] reforestation, afforestation, [and agroforestry – Switzerland ]and [forest restoration – Switzerland delete].-EU delete] as well as opportunities for employment and training, rural development, technology innovation and transfer, research and development, and diversification of
markets, products and services, [including [innovative- Switzerland] bio-based products and services - G77 delete][while emphasizing that donors need to enhance efforts to simplify the modalities to access support in particular capacity building, technology transfer and financial resources- G77];

(e) [ Establish legal frameworks as well as strengthen existing governance – G77] [Strengthen [forest-Switzerland] governance and institutional frameworks needed to realize the full potential of forests[–EU–G77 delete] contributions to economic development, [including through the development and enforcement of laws and –G77 delete] policies addressing [sustainable forest management including –G77]land tenure [and ownership –EU delete] [and use –EU]rights, [in accordance with national legislation and circumstances – G77] in particular the rights of indigenous [people –G77] and local communities, participatory processes, gender equality, cross-sectoral coordination [and the underlying causes of deforestation and forest [and land –G77 delete] degradation-EU delete];

[(e) bis Promote economic opportunities for women and men in the forest sector through the development of cross-cutting national or sectoral gender equality strategies. – EU]

(f) [Develop positive incentives [and eliminate barriers – Switzerland] for EU delete] [Promote-EU] [public and private- Switzerland] investment [on sustainable forest management in public, private and community managed forest and trees outside forests to facilitate their contribution to sustainable economic development and poverty eradication at local and national levels –G77] in locally managed forests, [including / in particular community forests and those owned by –EU] [community and family forests, - EU delete] [smallholders,- EU delete] to facilitate the contribution of such forests to economic development at local and national levels;

[(f) bis Recognize the importance of urban forests and trees and the need to integrate them into urban planning. –EU]

(g) Develop integrated [, comprehensive, balanced and coherent policies and –G77] strategies [including financial mechanisms – Switzerland] to reduce the risks and impacts of natural disasters and extreme climatic events and promote resilience [of forest ecosystems – EU, Switzerland] through SFM [and integrated risk management – Switzerland], [afforestation and reforestation, - EU, Switzerland delete] as well as to restore [damaged –G77] forest ecosystems [or those lost –G77] [damaged or lost –G77 delete] as a result of such disasters and events;

[2. [Calls upon/Invites-US] [developed countries and – G77] [the donor community to/mobilize and -Switzerland] provide [increased new and additional – G77] financial resources [with simplified access modalities-G77] , environmentally sound technology [on mutually agreed terms-US] and know how to build the capacity [, and professional education, extension , project]
application and collaboration partnerships about compacting desertification and zero net land degradation – Turkey] of developing countries [to implement the NLBI-G77] [to enhance the contribution of forests to economic development, - G77 delete] recognizing the special needs and requirements of Africa [n countries- G77], Least Developed Countries, Small Island Developing States, [and-EU] low forest cover countries,[and-G77] [countries with arid and semi-arid conditions – EU, US delete];] - EU bracket; US consider bracketing

[2 bis Further calls the Secretariat and other members of the CPF, in conjunction with regional and sub-regional processes such as the New Partnership for Africa’s Development initiative on sustainable forest management and the Tehran Process on low forest cover countries, among others to further develop strategies to promote North-South as well South-South cooperation, including triangular cooperation on sustainable forest management.-G77]

[2 ter Also calls the Secretariat and other members of the CPF to strengthen collaboration with the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization in issues related to sustainable forest management. – G77]

[2 quat Invites Member States, CPF Member Organizations and other organizations to enhance the role of forests and SFM in [the/a- Switzerland] green economy and encourage the development of action plans in this regard. – EU, Switzerland]

3. [Urges / Invites-US] Member States, [with the support of – G77] CPF member organizations, the scientific community [, CSO –Turkey] and the private sector to enhance cooperation, including [north-south- G77] south-south [and triangular –G77] cooperation, to [increase/scale up-G77] national and local research [and education- Switzerland] [capacity/capacities-Switzerland] and develop [global and – Turkey] [national and –G77] regional [and sub-regional- EU] databases and knowledge management networks [between the parties-Turkey] to facilitate the sharing of scientific and technical information;

4. Invites CPF member organizations to assist countries in [gathering robust data on and-Switzerland] assessing [and valuating – Switzerland] the non-market values of forest [products/goods-Switzerland] and services, including NWFPs, [and sharing lessons learned on different financial tools and instruments for recognizing these values- Switzerland]; - G77 support original language, to revert

[4 alt 1 Invites CPF member organizations to assist countries in developing methodologies for the recognition and valuation of full range of forest values derived from forest goods and services, including NWFPs. -EU]

[4 alt 2 Invites CPF member organizations to assist member countries in measuring the economic values of especially the non wood services and in assessing the non-market values of
forest goods and services. –Turkey]

[4 bis Encourages the Secretariat and CPF member organizations to assist Member States upon request in the development of non-market based approaches to achieve sustainable forest management, such as Joint Mitigation and Adaptation for the Integral and Sustainable Management of Forests, as a holistic and integrated approach based on the respect of the rights of Mother Earth and on the management of environmental functions. –G77]

5. Invites CPF member organizations to consider ways to [harmonize/continue-US] ongoing international initiatives on recognition and valuation of the [full – G77 delete] range of forest values, including cash and non cash values [and strengthen the integration of such information, and explore ways to address information and data gaps on values and contributions of forest products and services –US]; -G77 to revert

[5 alt Invites CPF member organizations to contribute to initiatives on natural capital accounting, such as the WAVES partnership in order to support the recognition and valuation of the full range of forest goods and services. -EU]

6. Requests the Forum secretariat to:

[(a) Collaborate with [UN bodies and –EU] [other –EU delete] CPF member organisations, [criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management (C&I) –EU delete] [regional –EU] processes – G77 delete] and other relevant organizations [including international financial institutions-EU] on ways to address information and data gaps on values and contributions of forest [products/goods-EU] and services [as a way of mobilizing forest financing and financial flows related to forests, as a way of contributing –G77],[ and contribute –G77 delete] to ongoing [and new –G77] initiatives in this area; - US bracket, move to CPF section]

[(a) bis Promote a holistic, comprehensive and integrated approach in forest related issues, creating synergies between the Conventions of the United Nations towards the sustainable forest management approach. –G77]

[(b) Build partnerships with the [regional development banks and other – G77 delete] [national, -G77] regional and international financial institutions concerned with the contribution of [all kinds of goods and services in forest ecosystems – Turkey] forests and trees outside forests to economic development. – EU, Switzerland delete]

Progress on implementing the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests and achieving its global objectives on forests

7. [Acknowledging progress towards achievement of the global objectives on forests, in particular the fourth objective, -EU] [Urge/urges-EU] [developed countries and other donors]
to provide support in particular capacity building, technology transfer and financial resources in order to enhance efforts by –G77 Members States to continue [and enhance their efforts to implement/implementing – G77] the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests and achieve the four global objectives on forests, as well as to report on progress [at UNFF11-EU];

8. Encourages Member States, in [conducting their part of review process of the IAF in the-Switzerland] reporting to the 11th session of the Forum, to highlight success stories and best practices [analyse gaps in implementation and develop visions for the future, while][and – Switzerland delete] address[ing- Switzerland] all aspects of the four global objectives on forests; - G77 support the original language, to revert

9. Calls upon [developed countries and- G77] the donor community [to intensify support and cooperation with developing countries, including on capacity building, –G77] to assist [least developed –Turkey] countries, upon request, in their implementation and reporting efforts, including by [initiating new as well as ongoing–G77] [supporting –G77 delete] pilot projects; - Switzerland delete; EU bracket, consider further on issues developed in WG2]

10. Requests the Forum secretariat to:

[(a) Strengthen collaboration [between Member States, and the members of the CPF, in particular the – G77] [with – G77 delete] FAO [, - Turkey] [and Member States-G77 delete][and international organizations- Turkey] on pilot projects for the implementation of [SFM instruments and forest applications – Turkey] the [forest instrument- G77 delete][non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests, in accordance with national legislation – G77];- EU, US delete]

[(b) Convene a technical expert group meeting to propose the reporting methodology for the 11th session of the Forum; - G77, Japan, Switzerland bracket; EU reserve]

[(c) Further streamline the guidelines and format for voluntary national reporting to the 11th session of the Forum, taking into account [the formats of reports –EU] [information – EU delete] provided to [other – G77 delete] CPF member organisations and [to –EU] [through C&I – EU delete] [regional – EU] processes [and [balanced – G77] regional workshops-EU delete];

[(d) Explore opportunities to further incorporate [elements of the forest instrument –G77 delete] [all components of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests –G77] into the work programmes of [other – G77 delete] CPF member organisations, consistent with their mandates. – Switzerland, EU, US delete]

Enhanced cooperation
11. Encourages regional and subregional organizations and processes and major groups to continue to provide coordinated inputs to the Forum [, and urges donor countries and CPF organizations to support these efforts - EU delete]; - G77 support the original language.

12. Invites the CPF to:

[(a) Continue [and expand – EU delete] efforts, in collaboration with [regional-EU, Switzerland] C&I processes, to streamline and harmonize guidelines for national forest –related reporting to CPF member organizations, [building on the Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire and broadening it to other CPF member organizations,-EU, Switzerland delete] in order to further reduce reporting burdens on countries [and to promote consistency in reporting-EU, Switzerland]. - G77 bracket]

[(b) Explore, in collaboration with C&I processes, the feasibility of establishing a forest indicators network to facilitate knowledge sharing, collaboration and use of information collected under processes for C&I for SFM and other forest-related indicator initiatives; -G77 bracket; EU delete]

13. Requests the Forum Secretariat to:

(a) Continue and strengthen its activities to effectively engage [all major groups / with all relevant stakeholders-G77] in support of the work of the Forum; including [the major groups, indigenous people and local communities, -G77] [business and industry – Switzerland, EU delete];

[(b) Continue working to foster synergies among the forest-related activities and programmes of CPF member organisations [and –G77], in particular the Rio conventions, to promote a holistic [, comprehensive -G77] and integrated approach to [sustainable forest management, including -G77] the multiple social, economic [and/-,G77] environmental [and cultural –G77] benefits [and values – G77 delete] of forests; - Switzerland move to OP12]

[(c) Develop [media instruments, and –Turkey] communication tools [, including in collaboration with CPF member organisations, - EU] on the contribution of forests to sustainable development, poverty eradication [, livelihoods - Turkey] and human well-being [,EU][Such communication should also reflect –EU] [including – EU delete] the importance of [forests/ forest ecosystems-Turkey] and trees to [[local/rural-Turkey] and –Switzerland] urban communities. – G77 support original language; US move to OP1.]

[(d) To promote the inclusion of [the vital role of-Turkey] forests in the discussions of the [post-2015 development agenda- G77 delete][UN development agenda beyond 2015-G77]; – EU bracket, coordinate with WG2]

International Day of Forests
14. Encourages Member States to organize activities each year celebrating the International Day of Forests, [or-US] at the time most appropriate to each State, to raise awareness of the multiple social, economic and environmental values [,- Turkey] [and-Turkey delete] benefits [and externalities –Turkey] of forests, trees outside forests and SFM and their important contribution to sustainable development, poverty eradication, empowerment of women, gender equality and the well-being of people worldwide [and for the protection of the integrity of Mother Earth-G77];

[14 alt Noting with satisfaction the adoption by the UN General Assembly on 21st December 2012 of resolution A/RES/67/200 concerning the establishment the International Day of Forests, invites Member States, UNFF Secretariat, FAO and other CPF member, regional and sub-regional organizations, and major groups to facilitate and/or organize activities to celebrate this Day, consistent with resolution A/RES/67/200.-EU]

[15. Requests the Forum secretariat, in collaboration with FAO, to facilitate celebration of the International Day of Forests in collaboration with Member States, other CPF member organizations and international, regional and subregional organizations and processes, as well as major groups. – G77 support the original language; EU delete]