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; Switzerland, EU, US delete] 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 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; [Agreed ad ref]

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; [Agreed ad ref]

[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; US, NZ delete]; - 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, G77, Turkey][and-EU delete] the NLBI on all types of forests, as well as the inputs and contributions of regional and sub-regional organizations and processes and major groups; -G77, US Turkey support; EU move to OP]

[PP5 alt Welcoming also the collaborative activities undertaken by the CPF [and its member organizations - Switzerland] in 2011 and 2012 in support of the Forum]
and implementation of the NLBI on all types of forests, as well as the inputs and contributions of regional and sub-regional organizations and processes and major groups; - US, Switzerland]

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; [Agreed ad ref]

[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/uprising employment and new sectors creating (Turkey) [for all-G77] [particularly / including-EU] for [indigenous peoples, 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, deletion depends on introduction of text in OP1pre (a), US, EU, NZ]

[PP7 alt Recognizing the positive contribution of SFM to achieve sustainable development, including inclusive economic growth, poverty eradication, livelihoods and human well-being. - G77]

PP8   Emphasizing that forests, trees outside forests and SFM provide direct and indirect social, economic, environmental and cultural benefits at all levels and are essential to sustainable development. [Text agreed ad ref, placement to be decided] (EU move to OP)

[PP8 bis Also recognizing the importance of strengthening the role of SFM in enhancing the resilience to disaster risk and to the adverse impacts of climate change in developing countries, in particular SIDS. - G77]

[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, USA (may be reformulated); G77 bracket]

[PP9 bis Recognizing the challenges posed to sustainable management of forests and trees outside forests by an increasing urban population. – contact group 18 Apr]

**Forests and economic development**

1. [Urges/Invites - G77] Member States to:

   [Pre(a) Recognize the vital role and significant contribution of all types of forests and trees for achieving sustainable development [and a green economy-EU, US] and addressing [in national policies and strategies – Switzerland] 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, NZ, Switzerland; G77 delete; EU to revert]

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   [(a) alt Recognize contributions of forest goods 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, taking into account different visions, approaches, models and tools to achieve sustainable development and in accordance with national legislation and circumstances through:

   (i) Improving the collection, analysis, reporting and dissemination of information and data;]
(ii) Developing methodologies for the recognition and valuation of the full range of forest values derived from forest [products/goods – Switzerland] and services, including NWFPs. – EU, Switzerland; G77 delete] Formulation of “goods and services/products and services” to be decided by the contact groups

[(a) alt 2 Improve the systemic collection, analysis and reporting of information and data on the monetary and non-monetary contributions of [forests / forest goods and services – Switzerland] to local and national economies, as well as the valuation of the social and environmental benefits of forests to rural and urban communities, in order to recognize and integrate such values in national accounting systems, and to develop policies and plans at all levels, as appropriate and in accordance with national legislation. –G77, Switzerland; NZ, EU to consider]

[(a) alt 2 bis Establish and develop data collection, analysis and reporting, considering non-market based approaches on national forest monitoring systems, to better understand the multiple benefits of forests according to national legislations and circumstances, as appropriate. –G77; EU, Switzerland to consider]

(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; G77 retain] [and –EU] [as platforms to – EU delete; G77 retain] [assess linkages / link – Switzerland, G77] 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];

(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. [Agreed ad ref]

[(c) Create, strengthen and implement holistic, balanced, comprehensive and coherent policies and strategies which focus on enhancing [and promoting – Turkey] the environmental, social, cultural and economic aspects of SFM as a cross-sectoral approach at the local, national and sub-regional [landscape – G77 bracket] levels;-EU bracket]
[(c) alt Promote the sustainable management of forests and trees in an integrated approach across the landscape, including its integration into [land use-Switzerland] planning [for agriculture and other land use systems, - Switzerland delete] as well as the restoration and rehabilitation of degraded forests and other lands. – US; G77 bracket]

[(c)bis Recognize the role that forest ecosystem services play in economic development.-EU, Switzerland; G77 bracket]

(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] USA 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 [the (CH)/that donors] need to enhance efforts to simplify the modalities to access [donor (CH)] support in particular capacity building, technology transfer and financial resources-G77]USA delete];

(e) Establish and (G77)[/or (EU)] strengthen legal frameworks as well as governance and institutional frameworks and policies needed to realize the full potential of forests’ contributions to economic development, addressing sustainable forest management including land tenure and use rights, in accordance with national legislation and circumstances, in particular the rights of indigenous [peoples (G77) (USA, NZ delete)] and local communities;[taking into account G77] participatory processes; gender equality; and (EU, USA) cross-sectoral coordination [and the underlying causes of deforestation and forest degradation-EU, USA, CH delete/G77 retain];

[(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, CH] G77 delete]
(e) bis alt Review and as needed improve forest related legislation, strengthen forest law enforcement and promote good governance at all levels in order to support SFM, to create an enabling environment for forest investment and to combat and eradicate illegal practices in accordance with national legislations, in forest and other related sectors [without compromising the trade of legal forest products- Switzerland, NZ, EU, US delete; G77 retain].

(f) [Develop [positive incentives [[and eliminate barriers – Switzerland, G77] USA delete] for] (EU delete)] [Promote-EU, G77, NZ]/ [public and private- Switzerland, G77] 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, G77] [community and family forests, - EU delete] [smallholders,- EU, G77] 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. Agreed ad ref

(g) Develop integrated, comprehensive, balanced and coherent policies and strategies [including [technical and (G77)] financial [strategies (USA)]/[cooperation (G77)] mechanisms (CH)] to reduce the risks and impacts of natural disasters and extreme climatic events and promote resilience of forest ecosystems through SFM and integrated risk management, as well as to restore damaged forest ecosystems or those lost as a result of such disasters and events; Chair asks delegates to discuss

[(g) Develop integrated, comprehensive, balanced and coherent policies including, as appropriate, technical, financial and cooperation strategies – contact group 18 Apr] to reduce the risks and impacts of natural disasters and extreme climatic events and promote resilience of forest ecosystems through SFM and integrated risk management, as well as to restore damaged forest ecosystems or those lost 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), G77 delete] and know how to build the capacity [, and professional education, extension, project application and collaboration partnerships [about combating desertification and zero net land degradation (G77 delete)] – Turkey] of developing countries [to implement the NLBI-G77] [to enhance the contribution of forests to [economic (G77)] sustainable (G77) development 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 / request for co-chairs to consult with WG2

[Regional and sub-regional inputs] – Contact Group adds sub-heading

[Pre 2 bis Welcomes efforts by regional and sub-regional processes to provide inputs to the Forum and to strengthen collaboration with CPF member organizations to advance sustainable forest management – contact group Apr 18];

[2 bis Further calls/Invites (EU) 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] EU will revert with text on the listing of regional and sub-regional processes; G77 stand-alone para

[2 bis Calls on the Secretariat and invites 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, and Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO), among others, to continue to collaborate on issues related to sustainable forest management and to promote North-South as well as South-South cooperation, including triangular cooperation and holding of workshops if funding allows – contact group Apr 18 AM];
[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] USA to delete or combine in another paragraph; G77 stand-alone para

[2 ter – deleted, contact group 18 Apr AM]

[2 ter bis We welcome the efforts undertaken by regional and subregional processes such as the Secretariat of low forest cover countries to hold workshops on financing in low forest cover countries. In this regard, we invite UNFFS to support all regional processes to hold workshops in forest related issues-G77]

Chair suggests G77, USA and EU to meet and discuss merging of paras. 2 bis, 2 ter and 2 ter bis

[2 ter bis – deleted, contact group 18 Apr AM]

[2 quat Invites Member States, CPF Member Organizations and other organizations to enhance the role of forests and SFM taking into account different visions, approaches, models and tools to achieve sustainable development (G77)] [in the/a- Switzerland] green economy [in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication (EU, CH from Rio+20 outcome)] and encourage the development of action plans in this regard. – EU, CH G77 delete A small group to find agreed language from Rio+20 on green economy/mother Earth; G77 stand-alone para;

[2 quat Invites Member States, CPF Member Organizations and other organizations to enhance the role of forests and sustainable forest management in sustainable development, taking into account different visions, approaches, models and tools to achieve sustainable development, including green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, and considering that some countries recognize the rights of nature in the context of promotion of sustainable development, and encourage the development of action plans in this regard; - contact group 18 Apr AM]

3. [Urges / Invites-US, EU, NZ, Turkey] Member States, with the support of CPF member organizations, the scientific community, CSOs and the private sector to enhance cooperation, including north-south, south-south and triangular cooperation, to
scale up national and local research and education capacities and develop [and/or consolidate, as appropriate, (EU, CH)] databases and knowledge management networks [[among (G77, Turkey) the [parties/Member States (EU, G77)]- Turkey] CH, EU delete] 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

[4 alt 1 Invites CPF member organizations to assist countries in developing methodologies for the recognition and valuation of [full (G77 delete)] range of forest values derived from forest goods and services, including NWFPs. -EU]

[4 alt 2 deleted]

[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]

4, 4alt1, 4alt2 and 4bis merged: Invites CPF member organizations to assist countries upon request in gathering data on assessing and valuating [the range of (EU)] [the non market (EU delete)] values of forest [goods (EU)]/[products (G77)] and services, including NWFPs and share lessons learned on financial and other tools, instruments and methodologies for recognizing these values (USA, Turkey, CH, NZ)

5. Invites CPF member organizations to [consider ways to (USA, G77)] [continue (USA)] ongoing international initiatives on recognition and valuation of the [full – G77 delete] range of forest values, including cash and non cash values and [consider ways to (USA)] strengthen the integration of such information, and [explore ways (USA delete)] to address information and data gaps on values and contributions of forest products and services; -G77, USA, CH to discuss
5. *Invites* CPF member organizations to consider ways to continue ongoing international initiatives on recognition and valuation of the wide range of forest values, including monetary and non-monetary values, and consider ways to strengthen the integration of such information, and to address information and data gaps on values and contributions of forest goods and services, including different accounting approaches such as natural capital accounting being developed in the Wealth Accounting and the Valuation of Ecosystem Services (WAVES) partnership; - contact group 18 Apr

[5 alt 1 *Invites* CPF member organizations to contribute to initiatives on natural capital accounting, such as the Wealth Accounting and the Valuation of Ecosystem Services (WAVES) partnership in order to support the recognition and valuation of the full range of forest goods and services. –EU, CH, NZ] G77 delete

[5 alt 1- deleted, contact group 18 Apr]

[5 alt 2 *Invite* CPF member organizations to continue contributing to initiatives such as the WAVES partnership. G77]

[5 alt 2 - deleted, contact group 18 Apr]

6. *Requests* the Forum secretariat to:

   [(a) Collaborate with UN bodies and CPF member organisations, regional and other relevant organizations and processes including international financial institutions 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*], to ongoing and new initiatives in this area.] - US (could move some text to 5), CH 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] NZ, CH, EU, Japan delete (task of the Member States)

   [(b) Build partnerships with the [regional development banks and other – G77 delete] [national, -G77] regional and international financial institutions concerned with the contribution of [products and services (G77)]/[all kinds of goods and services in]
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, G77 delete] [Noting that some progress has been made by Member States on the implementation of the NLBI on all types of forests and recognizing that much is yet to be overcome regarding the MOI.-G77] [Urges/urges-EU] [developed countries and other donors to provide [financial resources to further enhance – G77] 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 retain] 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]; consider language from WG2 (EU, US consider consolidation)

8. Encourages Member States, in reporting to the 11th session of the Forum, to highlight success stories and best practices and address all aspects of the four global objectives on forests; Agreed ad ref

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 compact language 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[non-
legally binding instrument on all types of forests, in accordance with national legislation – G77];- EU, US delete]

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[b) alt. Encourage the use of webinar tools to improve knowledge on the reporting methodology for the eleventh session of the Forum. – G77]

(c) Further streamline the guidelines and format for voluntary national reporting to the 11th session of the Forum including a technical discussion on reporting methodology with relevant experts of CPF members, taking into account types of information provided to CPF member organisations and through C&I and other regional processes and balanced regional workshops depending on available resources ; Agreed ad ref

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Enhanced cooperation

[Pre 11 Encourages the sharing of experiences, lessons learned, and best practices, regarding sustainable forest management, including, inter alia, through demonstration sites and pilot projects. –G77; US to consider]

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, US delete]; - G77 retain the original language.

12. Invites the CPF to:

(a) Continue and expand efforts, in collaboration with regional [and other –NZ, US, Japan, Turkey, EU; G77 to consider] C&I processes, to streamline and harmonize guidelines for national forest –related reporting to CPF member organizations, in order to further reduce reporting burdens on countries and to promote consistency in reporting.

[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 peoples –NZ delete] – EU bracket] and local communities, -G77, Switzerland]; - EU new proposal; G77, US to look at agreed language.

[(a) Continue and strengthen its activities to effectively engage all Major Groups noting the importance of forests to forest dependent people, indigenous peoples and local communities who are represented in the Major Groups; - contact group 18 Apr]

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

[(c) Develop [media instruments, and –Turkey; G77 delete] communication tools [to raise awareness on the importance of forests and on the contribution of SFM to sustainable development and poverty eradication- G77] [in rural and urban communities – Switzerland; G77 to revert], including in collaboration with CPF member organisations, [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 delete; EU retain] – US move to OP1; G77 retain the current placement.]

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

**International Day of Forests**

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Noting with satisfaction the adoption by the UN General Assembly on 21st December 2012 of resolution A/RES/67/200 concerning the establishment of the International Day of Forests, invites Member States, UNFF Secretariat, FAO and other CPF member organizations, 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.

Encourages Member States to organize activities each year to celebrate the International Day of Forests on 21 March or at the time most appropriate to each State, to raise awareness of forests and trees outside forests. – US, EU, Turkey (to replace 14alt)

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