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, Japan 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”;

WG1 to coordinate with WG2 and bring agreed text.

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]

WG1 to coordinate with WG2 and bring agreed text.

PP5 Welcoming also [the efforts of the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests and (US; G77, EU to coordinate)] the collaborative activities undertaken by the CPF and its member organizations in 2011 and 2012 in support of the Forum and towards 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;
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 and 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]- Co-chair to coordinate with WG2 and bring agreed text.

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

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. [Agreed ad ref]

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- EU, CH delete; G77 retain]. - G77]

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]
WG1 to coordinate with WG2 and bring agreed text.

PP9 bis Recognizing the challenges posed to sustainable management of forests and trees outside forests by an increasing urban population. [Agreed ad ref]

Forests and economic development

1. Invites 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] Similar paragraph is close to agreement in WG2 and will be incorporated upon agreement

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[(a) alt Recognize contributions of forest goods/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 (G77) del] systems considering market and non-market approach (G77)] and development policies and planning at all levels, in accordance with national legislation and policies through:

[Note: Formulation of “goods and services/products and services” to be decided]

(i) Improving the collection, analysis, reporting and dissemination of information and data; [Agreed ad ref]

(ii) Developing methodologies for the recognition and valuation of the wide range of forest values derived from forest products (G77)/goods – Switzerland] and services, including NWFPs.

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

(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, as appropriate, as platforms to develop or strengthen linkages with other related sectors, and identify collaborative and integrated approaches to land management which maximize benefits from forests and which minimize or avoid negative impacts on forests; [Agreed ad ref]

(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 the environmental, social, cultural and economic aspects of sustainable forest management as a cross-sectoral approach at the local, national and sub-regional levels, and at a landscape level in countries that recognize it; [Agreed ad ref]

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(c) bis Recognize the role that forest ecosystem services play in economic development; [Agreed ad ref]

(d) Strengthen enabling environments in accordance with national priorities and legislations to attract increased long-term public and private sector investment in SFM and the forest sector; - shortened and agreed by contact group [Agreed ad ref]

(d) bis Enhance the role and full participation of all relevant stakeholders in the forest sector, including indigenous peoples and local communities, on sustainable forest management, as well as opportunities for employment and training, rural development, technology innovation and transfer, research and development, and diversification of markets, products and services; [Contact group agreed up to here, the following sentence awaits WG2 outcomes] [Agreed ad ref]
while emphasizing [the (CH)/that donors] need to enhance efforts to simplify the modalities to access [donor (CH)] support in particular capacity building, [relevant (Mexico)] technology transfer and financial resources: G77](USA, Turkey) delete];

(e) Establish and/or 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 [those frameworks and policies related to – EU; G77 delete] land tenure and use [rights – EU delete], in accordance with national legislation and circumstances, [in particular – EU delete] consistent with – EU the rights of indigenous [peoples - G77, Mexico, EU; USA, NZ delete] [and local communities – EU delete; G77 retain]; taking into account participatory processes; gender equality and related strategies; and cross-sectoral coordination;

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(e) (originally 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 sustainable forest management, 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; [Agreed ad ref]

(f) Promote public and private investments in sustainable forest management, according to national legislations, in locally managed forests, in particular community-managed forests and those owned by small forest holders, to facilitate the contribution of such forests to sustainable development and poverty eradication at local and national levels; [Agreed ad ref]

(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 including, as appropriate, technical, financial and cooperation strategies to reduce the risks and impacts of natural disasters as well as the adverse effects and impacts of climate change, 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; [Agreed ad ref]

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

WG1 to coordinate with WG2 and bring agreed text.

Regional and sub-regional inputs [Agreed ad ref]

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; [Agreed ad ref]

2 bis [Calls on – G77 retain/Invites-US, EU/ Requests-US] 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, the Tehran Process for Low Forest Cover Countries, and the 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 [, as appropriate, - US; G77 delete] holding of workshops [if funding allows – G77 delete; EU delete with the correct verb; CH retain];

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2. 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; [Agreed ad ref]

3. [Urges – G77 retain / Invites-US, EU, NZ, Turkey/ Encourages – Co-chair, CH, EU, US, Japan] Member States, with the support of CPF member organizations, the scientific community, civil society organizations 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 consolidate as appropriate, databases and knowledge management networks among the Member States, as well as the above mentioned bodies, to facilitate the sharing of scientific and technical information; - find verb in the contact group

4. Invites CPF member organizations to assist countries in assessing 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; [Agreed ad ref]

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4 bis Encourages the Forum secretariat and CPF member organizations to assist Member States upon request in the development of holistic and integrated non-market based approaches to achieve sustainable forest management, based on management of environmental functions of forests in harmony with nature, including approaches such as joint mitigation and adaptation for the integral and sustainable management of forests; [Agreed ad ref]

5. Invites CPF member organizations to continue on-going 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/products-G77] and services, including through different accounting approaches, inter alia, natural capital accounting being developed in the Wealth Accounting and the Valuation of Ecosystem Services (WAVES) partnership. [Agreed ad ref]

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6. Requests the Forum secretariat to: [Agreed ad ref]
   
   (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 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; EU delete repetition with WG2 OP19; Co-chair coordinate with WG2

   WG1 to coordinate with WG2 and bring agreed text.

   [(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 retain] NZ, CH, EU, Japan delete (task of the Member States)- EU delete repetition with OP13
   
   (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 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 [Agreed ad ref]

   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/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/retaining – 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) Co-chair to consider the language from WG2

WG1 to coordinate with WG2 and bring agreed text.

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* [Member States – CH, US][in particular – G77][developed 
countries and- G77; CH, US delete][and – G77] the donor community [and other 
relevant stakeholders – CH, US] [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

WG1 to coordinate with WG2 and bring agreed text.

10. *Requests* the Forum secretariat to: *Agreed ad ref*

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

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(b) alt. Utilize web-based tools to improve knowledge and communications on the reporting methodology for the eleventh session of the Forum.  
Agreed ad ref

(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 organizations and through C&I and other regional processes and balanced regional workshops depending on available resources;  
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Enhanced cooperation  
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Pre 11 Encourages Member States, member organizations of the CPF, regional and sub-regional organizations and relevant stakeholders to share experiences, lessons learned, and best practices, regarding sustainable forest management, including, inter alia, through demonstration sites and pilot projects;  
Agreed ad ref

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:  
Agreed ad ref

(a) Continue and expand efforts, in collaboration with regional and relevant international 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;  
Agreed ad ref

[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]

(b) bis 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 of forests; **Agreed ad ref**

13. **Requests** the Forum Secretariat to: **Agreed ad ref**

   (a) Continue and strengthen its activities to effectively engage all Major Groups, noting the importance of forests to indigenous peoples and local communities; **Agreed ad ref**

   (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 of forests; **- Agreed ad ref Moved to OP12 b bis**

   (c) Develop communication tools and media products, including in collaboration with CPF member organizations, to raise awareness on the importance of forests and trees outside forests, including to rural and urban communities, and on the contribution of SFM to sustainable development and poverty eradication, livelihoods and human well-being; **Agreed ad ref**

   [(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]

**WG1 to coordinate with WG2 and bring agreed text.**

**International Day of Forests Agreed ad ref**

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14 alt **Noting** with satisfaction the adoption by the UN General Assembly resolution A/RES/67/200 concerning the establishment of the International Day of Forests, **invites** [Member States, - US, EU delete; G77 retain][in particular developed countries,- G77; EU, US delete] 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 A/RES/67/200-EU, US; G77 delete**];
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 all types of forests and trees outside forests;

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