Draft Resolution by the Vice-Chairs of Working Group Two on Emerging Issues (Item 6), Means of Implementation (item 9) and UNFF Trust Fund (item 12)

The United Nations Forum on Forests,

Pre-PP.1. Recalling the ECOSOC resolution E/2006/49 and its paragraph 32 in which the Forum decided that the effectiveness of the International Arrangement on Forests will be reviewed in 2015 and that on this basis a full range of options will be considered including a legally binding on all types of forests, strengthening the current arrangement, continuation of the current arrangement and other options. agreed ad ref

PP.1. Recalling further the multi-year programme of work adopted in 2007 (ECOSOC resolution 2007/42), in which the eleventh session of the Forum is mandated to discuss the overall theme of “Forests: progress, challenges and the way forward for the international arrangement” as well as its three themes, and recognizing the need to make necessary preparations to enable the Forum to take an informed decision at the eleventh session of the UNFF; agreed ad ref

PP.2. Recalling further the provisions of the resolution of the UNFF9 special session, in which the tenth session of UNFF is mandated to make a decision on financing sustainable forest management, as well as the UNFF9 Ministerial Declaration in which the Ministers committed to take a meaningful decision on forest financing at UNFF10; agreed ad ref

PP.3. Recalling also the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), “The Future We Want”; agreed ad ref

VCCT PP.3.bis. [Reaffirming/ Further recalling the reaffirmation by the Rio+20 outcome document of – US] all the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, including, inter alia, the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities;
Note: US, G77 to revert

[PP.3.bis.alt Recalling the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development reaffirming the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development including, inter alia, common but differentiated responsibilities, and acknowledging state-respective circumstances and capabilities and the need for global action. – Japan, US, Switzerland, EU, NZ; G77, US to revert]

[PP.3. ter Emphasizing the importance of aid effectiveness and recalling also paragraph 252 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and the resolution 67/436 of the General Assembly;- US]

PP.4. Emphasizing the significance of the discussions on the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), on the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015 and on the review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests. agreed ad ref
Recognizing the need for broader measures of progress to complement GDP in order to better inform policy decisions [for sustainable forest management –US]. –EU, US, NZ; G77 delete

Stressing that despite concerted efforts over several decades forests continue to be lost and degraded at an alarming rate, threatening the achievement of sustainable development and poverty eradication. agreed ad ref

The outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), the

1. Reiterates the vital role and significant contribution of all types of forests and trees outside forests for achieving sustainable development and in 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; agreed ad ref

1.bis Recognizes the importance of achieving the four global objectives on forests, and that failure to better conserve and sustainably manage all types of forests may put at risk the achievement of other internationally agreed development goals, inter alia, those related to food security, water, biodiversity, climate change, poverty alleviation, energy and human well-being. agreed ad ref

1.ter Requests the Forum Secretariat and invites CPF member organizations to promote the message of the importance of forests in the implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) and the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015. agreed ad ref

2. Encourages Member States to fully integrate forests into the discussions on the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) and the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015, taking into account the vital role and significant contributions of the conservation and sustainable management of all types of forests and trees outside forests for achieving sustainable development and poverty eradication. agreed ad ref

Review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests

3. Decides, pursuant to ECOSOC resolution 2006/49, that the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests will be reviewed in 2015, and that on this basis a full range of options will
be considered, including a legally binding instrument on all types of forests, strengthening the current arrangement, continuation of the current arrangement and other options. This shall include review of the following elements: agreed ad ref

a) Past performance of the UNFF and its processes including AHEGs, CLIs, as well as future options for the UNFF. agreed ad ref

b) The NLBI and other options referenced in the aforementioned ECOSOC resolution, including progress towards achieving the four GOFs. This should include a review of the relationship of the NLBI with international conventions that have a bearing on the Forum’s mandate. agreed ad ref

c) The UNFF Secretariat. agreed ad ref

d) Both the CPF and its contributions to the work of the Forum, and related activities by individual CPF member organisations in support of the Forum. agreed ad ref

e) Means of Implementation for the NLBI and relevant subsequent resolutions, and the Facilitative Process in this regard. agreed ad ref

f) The UNFF within the context of the UN Sustainable Development framework, including the outcomes from the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015. agreed ad ref

4. Further decides that this review shall include three components that have the mandates set out in the annex to this resolution: agreed ad ref

a) Submissions by countries, the CPF and member organizations of the CPF and other relevant organizations, relevant regional and sub-regional forest-related mechanisms, institutions, instruments, organizations and processes, major groups and other stakeholders; agreed ad ref

b) An independent assessment of the IAF; agreed ad ref

c) Open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc expert group on the IAF 2015. agreed ad ref

5. Also decides that the review shall take into account relevant ECOSOC resolutions and the MYPOW. The review needs to be forward-looking and informative, using evidence based analysis of the strengths and shortcomings of working modalities, and outcomes of the IAF at global, regional, and national levels in its member states, with a view to inform decisions at UNFF11. agreed ad ref

6. Decides to establish an open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc expert group on the IAF 2015 to conduct no more than two meetings prior to UNFF11, subject to availability of extra-budgetary resources. The AHEG shall undertake a review of the performance and effectiveness of the International Arrangement on Forests within the context of ECOSOC Resolutions 2000/35 and
2006/49, the attainment of the MYPOW and to put forth a set of recommendations providing a strategic direction on function and institutional arrangement of the IAF for the period beyond 2015. agreed ad ref

7. Recommends that countries nominate experts with the required institutional knowledge on the UNFF and related processes to attend the AHEG. agreed ad ref

8. Expresses appreciation for contributions made towards the work of the UNFF and strongly urges voluntary contributions to support the review process of the IAF as laid out in the five paragraphs above. agreed ad ref

9. Calls upon international and bilateral donors and other countries in a position to do so to provide financial support to the Forum Trust Fund in order to support the participation of developing countries, with priority for SIDS, Africa and LDCs, as well as countries with economies in transition, in the open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc expert group and to enable the Forum’s Secretariat to carry out the [relevant –US, Switzerland delete; G77 retain] intersessional activities [[with priority to those – EU] requested by the Forum in its tenth session or otherwise – G77 delete] within the Secretariat’s mandate–US, Switzerland, Japan, G77] in preparation for the meetings of the ad hoc expert group and the eleventh session [in the most efficient and cost-effective manner, in accordance with paragraph 40 of the ECOSOC resolution E/2011/42, and to report on the use of the Trust Fund at its eleventh session –US, EU].

VCCT: 9. Calls upon international and bilateral donors and other countries in a position to do so to provide financial support to the Forum Trust Fund in order to support the participation of developing countries, with priority for those from LDCs [, Africa and SIDS –G77, US; EU delete], as well as countries with economies in transition, in the open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc expert group and to enable the Forum’s Secretariat to carry out the [relevant –G77, US delete] intersessional activities [within the Secretariat's mandate, -G77 / within its mandate -US] with priority to those requested by the Forum in its tenth session [], in accordance with paragraph 40 of the ECOSOC resolution E/2011/42 [, with priority [also –US, Switzerland] to Africa and SIDS –G77; EU delete], and to report on the use of the Trust Fund at its eleventh session –EU, US delete];

[VCCT9.bis And in this regard requests the Secretariat, when using resources of the Trust Fund, to carry out its activities in the most efficient and cost-effective manner and in accordance with paragraph 40 of the ECOSOC resolution E/2011/42, and to report on the use of the Trust Fund at its eleventh session –EU, US]

Note: G77 retain original language
Note: G77 to retain “open-ended intergovernmental” throughout the document

9.bis. Invites countries, organisations and major groups that organise CLIs, RLIs and OLIs to provide information, in a timely manner, to the Forum’s Secretariat on their financial contributions
to those initiatives, for inclusion in the Secretary General’s Report on the agenda item on Enhanced Cooperation and Policy Coordination. **agreed ad ref**

*Means of Implementation*

10. **Acknowledges** with appreciation the significant inputs that were provided as the result of the intersessional work on forest financing, including the 2012 forest finance study of the CPF, the report of the CPF Organisation-Led Initiative on forest finance and the report of the second meeting of the open ended intergovernmental ad hoc expert group on forest financing, the Facilitative Process, and related CLIs as well as the views of Member States at UNFF10. **agreed ad ref**

10.bis **Takes note** of the AGF report, which acknowledges that significant progress has been made towards the achievement of the fourth global objective on forests, but also acknowledges that with reference to financial flows for sustainable forest management, there are significant limitations in data collection, as well as thematic and geographical gaps, and with respect to the amount and distribution of finance for different types of forests and for specific groups of countries. **agreed ad ref**

10.ter **Recognizes** that the architecture for forest financing has evolved considerably since previous UNFF sessions and that a number of new financing instruments and mechanisms have emerged that address thematic elements of SFM to varying degree, and emphasizes the need for better coordination across these different instruments and mechanisms as a priority.  **agreed ad ref**

CG.11. **Reiterates further** that there is no single solution to address all of the needs in financing forests and [a] combination of actions are required at all levels, by all stakeholders and from all sources. [taking into account the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities (Note: or para15 from Rio+20 outcome document) (CG forwards to co-chairs) –G77; US, Japan, EU, Norway, Switzerland, NZ, Canada delete] [. Financing for SFM should [be adequate, stable and timely and come from public multilateral and international sources complemented by the private sector – G77; US delete] [continue to come from a range of complementary sources, public and private, domestic and international, bilateral and multilateral and be delivered in line with aid effectiveness principles in support of the objectives set in recipient countries’ poverty reduction strategy papers and other national development plans and sectoral policies – G77 delete; US retain] –EU];

VCCT11. **Reiterates further that there is no single solution to address all of the needs in financing forests, and a combination of actions is required at all levels, by all stakeholders and from all sources;**
VCCT11.bis. Stresses that financing for SFM should continue to come from a range of complimentary sources, public and private, domestic and international, bilateral and multilateral;

Note: EU proposes reference to Para 252 of Rio+20 document as PP
Note: Japan, Canada, EU, Switzerland, NZ move following to last PP: Recalling the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development reaffirming the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development including, inter alia, common but differentiated responsibilities, and acknowledging state-respective circumstances and capabilities and the need for global action. – US, G77 to revert
Note: G77 to refer to all the principles, in particular CBDR
Note: US to refer to Resolution 67/436 of 13 December 2012 on follow up and implementation of Monterrey - in PP – to be drafted by Secretariat and include ref to aid effectiveness

Actions at all levels

12. Invites Member States, the donor community and other relevant stakeholders as appropriate to: agreed ad ref

CG.12.a [Consider to –G77 revert] Review and as needed improve forest-related legislation, strengthen forest law enforcement, 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, as well as to promote secure land tenure, in accordance with national legislation, policies and priorities.

12.b Provide enhanced resources to address thematic, geographic and data gaps in forest financing, and increase financing for the implementation of the Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests (NLBI); agreed ad ref

CG.12.c Strengthen cooperation in the areas of forest-related finance, trade, transfer of environmentally sound technologies [, as mutually agreed –US, EU, Switzerland; G77 delete], as well as capacity building, and improve access to and efficiency of finance for sustainable forest management;

12.d Consider using a variety of approaches, including market-based approaches, to develop and promote production and consumption of forest products from sustainably managed forests harvested according to domestic legislation as a means to increase revenues for sustainable forest management, and strengthen international cooperation in this regard. agreed ad ref

National actions
13. *Invites also* Member States to: *agreed ad ref*

13.a Integrate sustainable forest management into national development plans and strategies, sectoral policies, programmes and investments, decision-making processes, taking into account the NLBI on all types of forests. *agreed ad ref*

13.b Incorporate in national forest programmes or their equivalent, a combination of financing approaches, including, inter alia, development of national forest financing strategies or their equivalent, the creation of national forest funds, collection of SFM financing data, according to their own circumstances and capacities; *agreed ad ref*

13.c Strengthen efforts to identify the monetary and non-monetary values of forest goods and services, including by reflecting these values in national budgets and accounts, as appropriate, consistent with national policies, priorities and legislation. *agreed ad ref*

13.d Promote the development of both market and non-market-based approaches to address sustainable forest management in a holistic, comprehensive and integrated manner to guide humanity towards living in harmony with nature; *agreed ad ref*

13.e Mobilize financing for all types of forests and trees outside of forests from all sources including from other sectors at the national level, by applying a cross-sectoral and cross-institutional approach; *agreed ad ref*

13.f Harness the potential of the private sector to finance SFM as appropriate by: *agreed ad ref*

13.f.i Promoting the use of public-private partnerships for SFM; *agreed ad ref*

13.f.ii Providing a policy environment that encourages the use of innovative financing mechanisms, recognizing the value of forest ecosystems and the services they provide, consistent with national policies, priorities and legislation. *agreed ad ref*

*Regional actions*

14. *Calls* upon relevant regional and sub-regional organizations, processes and networks to develop or support SFM financing, technology transfer and capacity-building initiatives, and invites donors, multilateral and regional financial institutions and other stakeholders to support these efforts; *agreed ad ref*

14.bis *Invite* countries and relevant CPF member organizations to continue facilitating regional and other processes, especially in low forest cover countries, SIDS, LDCs and
Africa, in support of the implementation of the NLBI and the overall theme of UNFF11. agreed ad ref

Actions at the international level

15. Invites international financial institutions with forest financing programmes to further consider ways to simplify and streamline procedures, consistent with their mandates, in order to improve access to and efficiency in the use of their funding; agreed ad ref

16. Welcomes the development of the Sustainable Forest Management Strategy for the Global Environment Facility’s sixth replenishment period (2014-2018) and in that context, invites the GEF to consider ways to strengthen its support for sustainable forest management of all types of forests through, *inter alia:* agreed ad ref

16.a Enhancing mobilization of financial resources for the GEF SFM strategy in the sixth, and subsequent replenishment periods. agreed ad ref

CG.16.b Considering the options of establishing a new focal area on forests during the next Global Environment Facility replenishment and continuing and seeking to improve existing forest finance modalities taking into account the results of the ongoing evaluation of SFM/REDD+ investment programme. Note: Japan to confirm “establishing a new focal area”

16.c Invites the GEF to improve and simplify access to its current and potential funding for SFM. agreed ad ref

16.d Also invites the GEF to continue and strengthen the dissemination of information on financing for SFM to UNFF focal points directly, and indirectly through the national GEF focal points, UNFF Secretariat, as well as the GEF implementing agencies. agreed ad ref

16.e Further invites the GEF Secretariat to provide information to UNFF sessions on the mobilization of financial resources and funds dedicated to the sustainable management of all types of forests. agreed ad ref

16.bis Encourage member states to take full advantage of the considerable resources still available in the existing GEF-5 SFM/REDD+ Incentive Mechanism, and invite the GEF to make efforts to simplify access to this funding within the current cycle. agreed ad ref
17. *Invites* multilateral financial institutions to give special consideration to developing countries, particularly least developed countries and those countries with dryland forests and the special needs of low forest cover countries, small island developing states, high forest cover countries and African countries in accessing funds; \textit{agreed ad ref}

18. *Invites* donors to continue to provide resources to the Facilitative Process to carry out all of its functions, as set out in the report of the Special Session of UNFF9 on the Means of Implementation for Sustainable Forest Management in October 2009 contained in document E/2009/118; \textit{agreed ad ref}

19. *Invites* relevant CPF member organizations to consider strengthening their efforts to collect and facilitate access to data on forest financial flows, and thereby address data gaps in forest financing in a systematic, coordinated and coherent manner; \textit{agreed ad ref}

19.bis *Welcomes* the work of the FAO on collecting data about national public funding for sustainable forest management as part of the Forest Resource Assessments, and encourages its further development. \textit{agreed ad ref}

19.ter *Invites* relevant CPF member organizations, in cooperation with the private sector, to gather and make available to the UNFF information about the scale of private sector investment flows for sustainable forest management. \textit{agreed ad ref}

20. *Invites* the forest-related conventions and mechanisms, as well as the multilateral and regional financial institutions, donors, and member states in a position to do so, to increase financing for sustainable forest management; \textit{agreed ad ref}

CG.21 *Decides* to [further consider the establishment of/ establish – G77, African Group; Japan, US, EU, Switzerland, Canada, Norway, NZ retain] a [voluntary – G77 delete; Turkey retain] global forest fund [under the United Nations in support of developing countries to achieve sustainable forest management, with regional allocations and modalities to be determined by the next session of – G77, African Group] [, as an element for consideration by – G77, African Group delete] the [open-ended intergovernmental – EU delete; G77 retain] ad hoc expert group, established by this resolution. [The UNFF Secretariat, with the support of the CPF, will prepare and present to UNFF members before the first meeting of the AHEG an identification of concrete possible modalities, sources and operational procedures for AHEG to make recommendations to UNFF11. – G77, African Group]

[CG.21.alt *Decides* to establish a global forest fund as soon as modalities and terms of reference are identified and developed by AHEG on the International Arrangement on Forests 2015, to be recommended to UNFF11, as an integral component of the IAF 2015 review. –G77]
VCCT21. Decides to consider the establishment of a voluntary global forest fund to mobilise resources from all sources, to support the implementation of sustainable management of all types of forests and trees outside forests, at all levels, as an integral part of the review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests, as outlined in paragraphs CG3 to CG8 of this resolution and its annex [to develop the modalities in the AHEG for a proposal to be made to UNFF11 in 2015 –Cuba; Canada, EU, Switzerland, US, Japan, NZ delete] in order to enhance financing for sustainable forest management in a systematic and comprehensive manner.

[21 alt. Decides to further consider options and strategies to mobilise resources from all sources to support the implementation of sustainable forest management as an integral part of the review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests, as outlined in paragraphs CG3 to CG8 of this resolution and its annex. Such considerations should be consistent with the intergovernmental process under the auspices of the UN General Assembly to assess and review options on effective sustainable development financing strategies –EU; Switzerland delete]
ANNEX (agreed ad ref in all)

1. Pursuant to ECOSOC resolution 2006/49 and resolution 2000/35, the review of the effectiveness and efficiency, and the future direction of the IAF shall include the following interrelated components and activities:

   a) Submissions by countries, the CPF and CPF member organizations and other relevant organizations, relevant regional and sub-regional forest-related mechanisms, institutions, instruments, organizations and processes, major groups and other stakeholders

   Countries, the CPF and CPF member organizations and other relevant organizations, relevant regional and sub-regional forest-related mechanisms, institutions, instruments, organizations and processes, major groups and other stakeholders are invited to submit views and proposals to the Secretariat on the six key issues set out in paragraph XX of the Resolution and the full range of options on the future International Arrangement on Forests. The Secretariat is requested to ensure that documentation submitted pursuant to this paragraph is made available prior to AHEG. Based on the outcome of the first meeting of the AHEG, states, CPF, CPF member organizations, major groups and other stakeholders are invited to provide further submissions prior to a second meeting of the AHEG.

   In providing views on the CPF, paragraph 8 of Resolution 2000/35 should be taken into account.

   b) An independent assessment of the IAF.

       (i) The objective and mandate of the independent assessment

   The objective of the independent assessment is to assist and inform the AHEG in preparing for UNFF11. The assessment shall analyze the achievements, relevance, efficiency and effectiveness of the IAF since UNFF7, taking into account earlier developments. It shall assess impacts of work and sustainability of actions and makes recommendation for the future arrangement. The mandate of the independent assessment shall be to compile and analyse information and provide views and conclusions on the following:

       a. Past performance of the UNFF and its processes including AHEGs, CLIs, as well as future options for the UNFF.

       b. Review of the NLBI and other options referenced in the aforementioned ECOSOC resolutions, including progress towards achieving the four GOFs. This should include a review of the relationship of the NLBI with international conventions that have a bearing on the Forum’s mandate.
c. **Review of the UNFF Secretariat.**

d. **Review of both the CPF and its contributions to the work of the Forum, and related activities by individual CPF member organisations in support of the Forum**

e. **Review of the Means of Implementation of the NLBI and relevant subsequent resolutions, and the Facilitative Process in this regard.**

f. **The UNFF within the context of the UN Sustainable Development framework, including the outcomes from the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015.**

(ii) **Organization of the independent assessment**

a. **The independent assessment will comprise a small team of up to five independent experts. A list of candidates will be provided by the Bureau of the eleventh session to the UNFF Secretariat. The UNFF11 Bureau will identify these experts taking into consideration competencies, including evaluation methodology expertise, as well as regional balance.**

b. **Terms of reference for the consultants will be developed by the UNFF Secretariat in consultation with the UNFF11 Bureau.**

c. **The consultants will report on progress of their work to the UNFF11 Bureau.**

d. **The Secretariat will develop the budget for the independent assessment.**

e. **The consultants will be required to submit an interim report for the consideration of the first meeting of the AHEG for IAF 2015 followed by the final report, which will be required prior to the second meeting of the AHEG for IAF2015.**

c) **Open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc expert group on IAF 2015**

The open ended intergovernmental ad hoc expert group on IAF 2015 shall provide advice and input in support of the mandate of UNFF11 taking into consideration the outcomes of UNFF10, submissions as specified under 1 a), the topics presented in paragraph XX of Decision XX and the independent assessment on:
(i) The international arrangement on forests (UNFF, UNFF Secretariat and other CPF member organizations), the NLBI, and the contribution of forests to the achievement of the MDGs;

(ii) The review of the performance and effectiveness of the International Arrangement on Forests;

(iii) Assessment of the implementation of the NLBI and the achievement of the four global objectives on forests;

(iv) A full range of options for the future of the international arrangement on forests for the consideration of UNFF11.

The AHEG on IAF 2015 will meet at a time and venue to be determined by the UNFF11 Bureau and communicated by the Secretariat to member countries and organizations.

The AHEG on IAF 2015 shall report its conclusions and recommendations to the UNFF at its eleventh session for its consideration.
3. 

Decides to establish an [open-ended intergovernmental – EU delete] ad hoc expert group to consider the overall theme and the themes of the eleventh session, with a view to making proposals to the Forum at its eleventh session [in accordance with the terms of reference appended to this resolution [for its consideration and decision – Switzerland] – US, Switzerland];

[3.alt Decides to establish an [open-ended intergovernmental – EU delete] ad hoc expert group to:

(a) Consider the overall theme and the sub-themes of the eleventh session, with a view to making proposals to the last AHEG for consideration at the eleventh session of the Forum;

(b) Make recommendations on review of the whole international arrangement on forests and the NLBI on all types of forests including the consideration of different visions and approaches to achieve sustainable development as well as the review of means of implementation;

(c) Also decides that the first meeting of the [open-ended intergovernmental – EU delete] ad hoc expert group should consider all the inputs, and discuss the full range of options on the future international arrangement on forests, with the view to consolidating the options for further consideration at its second meeting; -G77]

[Pre 4. Decides that the review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests will be conducted in a two-pronged working approach: (a) a process of auto-evaluations, (b) an independent expert review; - Switzerland]

4. [Decides also that the [open-ended intergovernmental – EU delete] ad hoc expert group should take into account [the interconnections and implications of, and the progress in the post-2015 UN development agenda, the Rio+20 outcome/ the Rio+20 outcome and the ongoing work in the post-2015 UN Development Agenda – Switzerland]; G77 delete para; US, EU retain notion]

5. Decides further that the [open-ended intergovernmental –US, EU delete; G77 retain] ad hoc expert group should meet [twice/at least once –US, Japan, EU] [or as necessary –G77] during the intersessional period between the tenth and eleventh sessions of the Forum [subject to the availability of extra-budgetary resources –EU];

[5.bis Decides further that the ad hoc expert group should provide advice and input in support of the mandate of UNFF11 on:

(a) Review (i) the international arrangement on forests (UNFF, CPF and UNFF Secretariat), (ii) the NLBI, (iii) the contribution of forests to the achievement of the MDGs;
(b) Assess the implementation of the NLBI and the achievement of the four global objectives on forests;

(c) Provide a full range of options for the future of the international arrangement on forests for the consideration of UNFF11; -EU]

Note: add role of Major Groups flexible placement – US

[Pre 6. Requests the Secretariat to provide a full evaluation of the current international arrangement on forests including the gaps –G77]

6. Invites Member States, CPF member organizations, relevant regional organizations and processes and major groups to:

(a) Submit their views on [the effectiveness and efficiency of the international arrangement on forests, –EU] the full range of options on the future international arrangement on forests, and requests the Forum’s Secretariat to compile all the above-mentioned views for consideration at the [first –EU delete] meeting of the [open-ended intergovernmental –EU delete] ad hoc expert group;

(b) Actively participate in and contribute to the work of the [open-ended intergovernmental –EU delete] ad hoc expert group including through holding country, regional and organization led initiatives;

7. Requests the Forum’s Secretariat to [prepare a Note to update the [first –EU delete] meeting of the [open-ended intergovernmental – EU delete] ad hoc expert group, / periodically update members of the UNFF –G77] on the progress in consultations on [the post-2015 UN development agenda and the Rio+20 outcome/ the Rio+20 outcome and the post-2015 UN development agenda –G77];

Note: EU revert after discussion of content of AHEG mandate

Note: US possibly delete

8. Also decides that the [first –US, EU delete] meeting of the [open-ended intergovernmental – EU delete] ad hoc expert group should consider all the inputs, and discuss the full range of options on the future international arrangement on forests, with the view to consolidating the options for further consideration [at its second meeting –US delete];