

Draft Resolution for adoption by the Council

The Economic and Social Council

Recalling its resolution 2006/49 of 28 July 2006 requesting the United Nations Forum on Forests to conclude and adopt at its seventh session a non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests,

1. *Notes* that the United Nations Forum on Forests, at its seventh session, adopted a non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests;
2. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that it adopt the draft resolution contained in the annex to this resolution at its sixty-second session;
3. *Invites* the United Nations Forum on Forests to establish and maintain cooperation with relevant multilateral environmental agreements, instruments, processes and United Nations bodies, relevant international and regional organizations, institutions, and major groups in order to facilitate enhanced cooperation to achieve the purpose of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests;
4. *Decides* to develop and consider, with a view for adoption at UNFF8, a voluntary global financial mechanism / portfolio approach / forest financing framework for all types of forests, aiming at mobilizing significantly increased, new and additional resources from all sources, based on existing and emerging innovative approaches, also taking into account assessments and reviews of current financial mechanisms, to support the implementation of sustainable forest management, the achievement of the global objectives on forests and the implementation of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests;
5. *Decides* that the Forum should, within existing resources, convene before UNFF8, an open ended ad-hoc expert group to develop proposals for the development of a voluntary global financial mechanism, a portfolio approach and a forest financing framework. The CPF is invited to assist in the development of these proposals.

Annex

Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 2006/49 of 28 July 2006 requesting the United Nations Forum on Forests to conclude and adopt at its seventh session a non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests,

1. *Decides* to adopt the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests as contained in the annex to this resolution;
2. *Invites* members of the governing bodies of the member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests to support the implementation of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests, consistent with the mandates of these organizations, and, to that end, invites the United Nations Forum on Forests to provide guidance to the Collaborative Partnership on Forests;
3. *Invites* donor governments and other countries in a position to do so, financial institutions and other organizations to make voluntary financial contributions to the Trust Fund of the United Nations Forum on Forests for it to address, within the context of its multi year programme of work, the implementation of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests and to provide support for participants from developing countries as well as countries with economies in transition to attend meetings of the Forum.
4. *Decides* that the United Nations Forum on Forests will review the effectiveness of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests as part of the overall review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests decided upon by the Economic and Social Council by its resolution 2006/49 of 28 July 2006.