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**POINT OF VIEW ON THE PROPOSALS FOR THE CREATION OF
A FINANCING PLATFORM UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNFF
FOR SUSTAINABLE FORES MANAGEMENT**

With relationship the matter in epigraph and as requested by of the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum for Forests (UNFF), we wish through this to express our point of view in the quality of interested member state in these financing approaches.

8. We start by recognizing first that, deforestation and degradation of forests in the developing tropical countries is reducing the quality of the services economic, social and environmental services that the forests provide. Deforestation and forest degradation are, currently, the second causes of the global warming, representing 20% of greenhouse gauzes emission and more than one third of this emission, come from of developing countries.

In many cases, deficient application of the techniques and technologies for exploration of the forest resources associated with the use of unsustainable subsistence agriculture practices, in some cases itinerants, including forest fires deeply are degrading the forest lands, important ecosystems and soils as well as the loss of many forest services in the developing countries.

9. In this perspective, and for the needs of sustainable development of our country where the forest sector plays important role, it is considered pertinent, under the UNFF, the proposal for development of a **Facilitative Mechanism to Mobilize Existent and Emergent Funds** for sustainable forest management.

10. For this option, we considered as essential elements (a) the scope and structure of the mechanism (b) the government and administration of the bottoms, (c) type activities to be financed (d) the transparent and expedite procedures for disbursement of the funds to the beneficiary member countries to implement the sustainable forest management activities including (e) accountability, monitoring and evolution mechanisms.
11. The funds of such a Facilitative Mechanism should be dedicated to support member countries to allow their respective governments and other national actors to develop and administer with success programs and projects for sustainable forest management. In our suggestion, through the respective governments of the member countries, funds support of the preterit Facilitative Mechanism should be channelled directly to the actors through a open, transparent and competitive process of submission, selection and prioritization of program and project proposals.
12. The challenges that the developing countries are experiencing are exactly related on how to obtain financings to manage in a sustainably way the forest resources by introducing and strengthening appropriate practices of timber and forest resources exploration and land uses, forest restorations via forestation and afforestation.

It is also related with haw the funds should arrive as quickly as possible to the beneficiary member countries and at level or which institutions at the country level can benefit from f such Facilitative Mechanism funds to implement the sustainable forest management.

13. One of the limitations of the developing countries for sustainable forest management is related with the deficient application or absence of forest ordnance norms of the, development of strong and competitive forest-base industry, as well as of small and medium community – based forest enterprises (CBFIs).

The development of the financing Facilitative Mechanism created under the auspices of UNFF could constitute a viable option in that sense to render direct financial support and technical assistance to the public, private, private and community sectors of the member countries with the view to strengthen the planning and administrative capacities to implement appropriate forest ordnance and managerial solutions and the sustainable use forest and land resources.

14. Through financial assistance to develop a strong based forest industry, to manage knowledge and develop tools to put in practice appropriate models for creation and development of financial, economically and culturally adapted CBFIs, under the financing Facilitative Mechanism the UNFF could strongly in this way contribute to the reduction poverty reduction in the tropical forest areas through: (i) enforcement of the ability of communities' resident around forests and small owners to manage the forest resources sustainably and (ii) support the small CBFIs to increase their efficiency and obtain surplus and value added to the products and services from the forests.

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