Recalling the multi-year programme of work of the Forum (2007-2015) and its overall themes of the 9th session “Forests for people, livelihoods and poverty eradication”;

Also recalling the MYPOW for the assessment of progress in the implementation of the Non-legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests, adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2007 (UN forest instrument) and its four Global Objectives on Forests, and other provisions related to the 9th session, including cross-cutting issues;

Underscoring the decisions from the resolution of the special session of the ninth session of the Forum held on 30 October 2009 on the means of implementation, and based on the deliberations of the Open ended intergovernmental ad hoc expert group on forest financing, and the work of the facilitative process;

Supporting the development or strengthening of participatory models of decision-making processes related to forests, in particular with respect to the involvement of local communities and indigenous people and their knowledge, with a specific focus on empowering women and promoting gender equality;

Underscoring also the need to develop sustainable alternative energy sources for rural areas and improve energy efficiency, productive agricultural land, and sustainable planted forests with particular consideration for local livelihoods and biodiversity, with a view to reducing pressures on natural forests;

Emphasizing the importance of promoting awareness of the value and importance of the sustainable production of forest goods and services and their multiple benefits;

Emphasizing also the need to mainstream the interests of forest-dependant people including indigenous peoples and local communities in financing mechanisms for SFM, in the context of the importance of forests in achieving poverty eradication, sustainable livelihoods and the internationally agreed development goals;

Recognizing the special needs and circumstances of Africa, the least developed countries, low forest cover countries, high forest cover countries, medium forest cover countries, high forest low deforestation countries and small island developing states;
Item 5. Forests for People, Livelihoods and Poverty Eradication

I. The Forum invites Member States and regional and international organizations as appropriate, to:

1. Explore, develop and improve an enabling environment, address the tenure issues, fair division of costs and benefits of forest management, and long-term incentives to further attract investment in forests;

2. Clarify and strengthen the security of tenure rights by taking measures to enable forest-dependent local and indigenous communities to sustainably manage and benefit from forests, with due regard to the special needs of women and girls;

3. Facilitate, with the support of donor countries, regional development banks and international organizations, the provision of financial and technical assistance to develop the capacity of local and indigenous communities on the basics of sustainable forest management, in order to increase the benefit of managing forests sustainably for these communities;

4. Exchange relevant experiences and examples on benefit sharing with communities whose livelihoods depend directly on forests;

5. Develop, including through CPF member organizations and building on the work of the Global Partnership on Forest Landscape Restoration, forest landscape restoration approaches and initiatives such as Japan’s Satoyama Initiative which identify appropriate forest, agricultural, wetland, protected areas and other land management areas, and include close cooperation with communities in so doing;

6. Encourage Member States to establish and implement safeguards and guidelines to promote the fair distribution of benefits from forests to local and indigenous communities, including in the context of emerging initiatives such as REDD+ under the UNFCCC;

7. Develop policies that integrate sustainable forest management into policies and laws for sustaining the supply of clean water for rural and urban populations and for agricultural purposes from forests, including the use of payment for ecosystem services, and further encourage the CPF to take similar action;

8. Launch, with the support of CPF communication programs targeted at government decision-makers, communities, students and other stakeholders, forest education in the curricula of primary and secondary schools, making use of all media, and taking advantage of the opportunity of the International Year of Forests, 2011;
9. Promote local entrepreneurship, community-company partnerships and small and medium-sized forest-based enterprises and related investment in sustainable forest management;

10. Strengthening the data collection capacity of existing global databases through their regular update, and encourage CPF member organizations to make the databases, where they exist, user-friendly global data-sharing mechanisms, which are easily accessible by Government agencies, forest managers, researchers, civil society groups and other forest stakeholders;

11. Improve the capacity of communities to produce goods and services in a sustainable manner through community-based training, education networks and associations comprising representatives of relevant stakeholder groups;

12. Integrate the United Nations forest instrument and national forest programmes and similar strategies into national development strategies and forest financing strategies, as well as tying these mechanisms to other sectoral coordination mechanisms, including in the areas of agriculture and poverty reduction strategies;

13. Work together, with due regard to the national sovereign rights of countries, to identify the key elements of an enabling environment for sustainable forest management and assist countries in creating such an environment in order to attract investment in sustainable forest management, noting that the UNFF10 will address these important topics and take benefit from lessons-learned;

14. Bring to the attention of the highest levels of government the need to increase funding, including public funding, for people-focused actions in sustainable forest management, specifically in integrated rural development programmes and community-oriented sustainable forest management;

15. Consider intersessional activities on forest valuation methodologies to reflect the full value of contributions from forests to national accounting systems and national development in order to enrich the discussion of the overall theme of the 10th session of the Forum in 2013.

II. The Forum invites:

16. The international community to assist countries in developing and implementing people-oriented sustainable forest development programmes, strategies and data-gathering systems which connect sustainable forest management with sustainable and resilient local livelihoods, with due emphasis on forest governance, secure land tenure, access and benefit sharing, and public participation;
17. The CPF to:

   a. Assist Member States in developing practical and simplified methodologies to understand the full range of forest values and in capturing such values to protect vulnerable ecosystems and to generate revenue flows from sustainable sources;

   b. Assist national governments, upon their request, and as appropriate, local governments, and community groups in improving their communication, facilitation and conflict-management skills and in strengthening collaboration with other sectors, taking advantage of the CPF newly formed communications group;

   c. Further gather and analyze relevant information on the contribution of forests to sustainable livelihoods, forest valuation methodologies, income generation and economic development, developing and using a harmonized reporting format to avoid burdening member States, and request the Forum secretariat to synthesize this information for submission to the Forum at its 10th session within the context of the overall theme of the 10th session, “Forests and economic development”.

III. The Forum requests:

18. The AHEG intersessional process and the CPF to address actions to simplify procedures to access to resources as well as to mobilize new and additional financial resources to enhance capacity development, policy reform, and in the development and transfer of environmentally sound technologies to developing countries in order to support their efforts in improving community-based forest management and the contributions of forests to sustainable development and poverty eradication.

19. The Forum Secretariat, with the support of the CPF, to prepare analyses of the key aspects of the critical relationship between forests and water for consideration at the 10th session of the Forum.

Item 3: Assessment of progress…

The Forum:

1. Decides that voluntary national reporting for the 10th session of the Forum will focus on the overall theme of forests and economic development and requests the Secretariat to develop a format for such reporting;
2. Invites Member States and members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests to initiate and support additional pilot projects on the implementation of the UN forest instrument;

3. Encourages donor countries and other countries in a position to do so, financial institutions and other organizations to make voluntary financial contributions to the Forum trust fund to enable the Forum secretariat and the NFP Facility to effectively assist with training programmes for, on request, groups of countries, developing countries in preparing voluntary reports for the Forum’s assessment and review to be conducted in 2015;

4. Requests the secretariat of the Forum to prepare, in consultation with the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, a balanced assessment on all four GOFs for the 10th session of the Forum;

5. Invites FAO to consider how it can further incorporate, into its reporting on the state of the world’s forests, the elements of the forest instrument and the global objectives on forests in order to facilitate efficient reporting by Member States and to eliminate duplication of work by Member States.

**Item 4: Regional cooperation**

The Forum decides to:

1. Invite regional and subregional organizations and processes, as well as major groups and other forest stakeholders, to provide inputs to the Forum at its 10th session on the theme of “Forests and economic development”, through sharing regional perspectives, approaches and experiences;

2. Further facilitate regional and subregional dialogue and cooperation on forests, including through country-led and region-led initiatives, to enhance regional and subregional contributions to the implementation of the UN forest instrument and the global objectives on forests, in particular for the Forum’s assessment and review to be conducted in 2015;

3. Consider, in addressing linkages at the regional and subregional levels, how the Forum can further develop its strategy to promote North-South as well as South-South cooperation, including triangular cooperation, on sustainable forest management.

4. Invite the members of the CPF to continue facilitating regional processes, including the Tehran process, in support of the implementation of the UN forest instrument and the overall themes of UNFF10;

**Item 6: International Year of Forests**

The Forum:

1. Encourages Member States to promote awareness of success stories and challenges related to implementing sustainable forest management at the national,
regional and international levels, including as a means of promoting North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation;

2. Renew its invitation to Member States to establish national coordinating committees or designate focal points to promote and coordinate activities and initiatives related to the International Year of Forests (Forests 2011) at the local and national levels;

3. Further encourages Governments, relevant regional and international organizations and major groups to support activities related to Forests 2011, through voluntary contributions, and to link their relevant activities to the Year;

4. Strongly urges Member States and regional and international organization to promote observance of Forests 2011 not as an isolated event but as part of a continuing process of advocacy and partnership to foster greater awareness and action towards sustainable forest management at all levels, in effect a forest-plus strategy for the years 2012 and onward;

5. Encourages all relevant organs of the United Nations, including the functional commissions and the regional commissions, as well as United Nations system agencies, funds and programmes, to fully support, contribute to and participate in the activities envisaged for the observance of 2011 as the International Year of Forests;

6. Urges the creation of voluntary partnerships among Member States, international organizations and major group organizations to facilitate and promote activities related to Forests 2011 at the local and national levels;

7. Invites the Collaborative Partnership on Forests to continue to develop the Communication Network in future in order to promote a sound understanding by people, Member States and international organizations of the many contributions of forests and the need to manage them sustainably.

**Item 10: Enhanced cooperation**

The Forum:

1. Invites Member States to support major group initiatives on the role of civil society actors and the means for their engagement in the Forum and the implementation of the forest instrument in order to enhance stakeholder engagement in the Forum process;

2. Requests Member States to consider, in addressing linkages at the regional and subregional levels, how the Forum can actively engage regional and subregional organizations in strengthening regional participation in forest-related activities.
3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to address the relationship between forests and the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, at relevant international and regional meetings, including regional implementation meetings, within the context of sustainable economic, social and environmental development;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to continue to facilitate the incorporation of forest-related issues more effectively as part of the work of forest-related international and regional organizations, institutions and instruments to enable closer collaboration and work with those organizations and processes;

5. Requests the CPF to implement the Forum resolution on forest financing, by supporting the facilitative process developed by the Forum secretariat, with support by the GEF and the United Nations Environment Programme and explore the possibility of cooperating in the implementation of components II and III of the facilitative process initiative;

6. Also requests the CPF to continue to provide a framework to enhance cooperation and collaboration between the Forum secretariat and the member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests to facilitate the implementation of the forest instrument and the multi-year programme of work of the Forum;

7. Invites FAO to consider how it can further incorporate into its reporting on the state of the world’s forests and on the global forest resources assessment programme, the elements of the forest instrument and the global objectives on forests aimed at efficient reporting by Member States.

**Item11: Means of Implementation**

**The Forum:**

1. Invites substantive submissions, to be received by 1 March 2012, from Governments, CPF member organizations, regional organizations and processes and major groups on forest financing options, modalities and their possible structures, including a global forest fund and strengthening of existing and emerging mechanisms, and the advantages and disadvantages of these options, envisaged functions, requirements and deliverables of the different options, and request the UNFF Secretariat to compile these submissions to inform the work of AHEG2.

2. Invites members of the CPF to report to UNFF10 on their ongoing and future actions on forest financing and to hold an open-ended Organization-Led Initiative in support of the work of the Forum prior to AHEG2, and to focus, deepen and broaden their work in support of national-level action on financing SFM;
3. Invites the CPF Advisory Group on Finance, by 1 March 2012, to update and expand its:

i. analyses on forest-related financing mechanisms, including funding gaps and opportunities (EU) among the Rio Conventions (time frames, deliverables and the working modalities of funding mechanisms), addressing inter alia, financing, forests and climate change, including REDD+, arrangements pertaining to forest biological diversity in the framework of the CBD, relevant financing strategies and investment frameworks on sustainable land management under the UNCCD, the new SFM/REDD+ Programme of the GEF, as well as financial resources associated with the forest law enforcement governance and trade processes (FLEG and FLEGT) at country and regional level, keeping in mind the role of markets;

ii. 2008 finance paper for AHEG2, and to provide proposals on ways to strengthen existing forest-related financing mechanisms, enhance coordination, improve access to their resources and identify how they fit into the broader forest-financing frameworks.

4. Invites voluntary contributions to support this work;

5. Calls upon Member States and international organizations to support implementation of all functions of the Facilitative Process, and strengthen collaboration with relevant partners on the initial outcomes of the Facilitative Process, in particular on SIDS, LFCCs, Africa and LDCs;

6. Requests the UNFFS in its work on the Facilitative Process, and in collaboration with the CPF member organizations, to:

i. Work to identify the barriers to countries to financing and building their capacities, and help them to remove barriers, and assist them in examining the effects, impacts and synergies of cross-sectoral and cross-institutional activities on forest financing, and integrate these lessons-learned in their submissions to AHEG2;

ii. Encourage relevant financial institutions such as regional and national banks, working in close concert with regional forest processes to further develop ways to mobilize resources and to mainstream the global objectives on forests in their programmes;

7. Requests the UNFF Secretariat, in close cooperation with CPF and other key actors, to undertake work on forest financing on the implications of REDD+ funding on broader forest financing;
8. Requests the UNFFS to coordinate efforts with other Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) concerning financing and resource mobilization strategies, in order to engage and undertake, within the context of the Facilitative Process, work on forest financing with the aim to establish targeted transfer of means of implementation from developed countries to developing countries;

9. Calls upon Member States, in preparation for AHEG2, for further collaboration and sharing of experiences with the private sector, building on lessons learned, given the importance of the private sector in providing sustainable finance for SFM, and the crucial role of a stable and predictable enabling environment for their investments, and invites the World Bank Forest Investment Programme and other CPF partners to initiate a process to improve this area of cooperation;

10. Calls also for further collaboration and sharing of experiences among governments to develop innovative financing mechanisms.

11. Requests the UNFF Secretariat, based on submissions, to undertake an assessment of different proposed options for the forest financing architecture, including a global forest fund and to prepare a note thereon for AHEG2;

12. Urges Member States to develop and implement national forest policy and legislation on financing for forests, including all of the functions of forests, and in so doing consider the financing roles of key Ministries including agriculture, forestry, transportation, and environment, with a focus on forests and biodiversity, climate change and water, and with Finance Ministries as well as ministries responsible for infrastructure, energy and lands, also keeping in mind the importance of integrating forest issues into poverty reduction strategies or equivalent cross-cutting donor and finance mechanisms and report to AHEG2 and UNFF10 on their progress and experience.

13. Requests the AHEG1 Co-Chairs to hold an open-ended informal consultation between UNFF 9 and AHEG2, to be facilitated by the Secretariat of the Forum, and in this regard, invites donor contributions and CPF support for participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

14. Emphasizes that only proposed actions which are part of the agreed biennial programme of work of the UNFF Secretariat are covered by the regular budget, that actions undertaken by CPF and Member States will be financed by them, and that the remaining proposed intersessional actions require voluntary contributions to the UNFF Trust Fund.