

REPLACEMENT OF THE REFERENCE TO THE MDGs BY THE REFERENCE TO THE SDGs

Brazil firmly believes that the UNFF and the IAF can play a very important role in promoting sustainable forest management and in helping the achievement of the forest-related SDGs. In this regard, we endorse the replacement of the reference to the MDGs by the reference to the SDGs in the preamble and the OP1, which are the only two mentions to the MDGs in that document. However, we consider inopportune any other substantive change to UN Forest Instrument, with the obvious exception to the extension of the Global Objectives on Forests (GOFs) from 2015 to 2030, which will surely be needed in order to maintain that document updated.

STRATEGIC PLAN AND 4POWS

Brazil firmly believes that the UNFF, its decisions and the UN Forest Instrument should remain non-legally binding, and that is also valid to its future Strategic Plan and 4POWs. In this sense, a reference to the non-legally binding nature of the Plan could be included in its introductory section.

Both documents should also be concise and easy to communicate to the general public, especially the Strategic Plan. The idea is that the Plan will serve not only as a guiding element for the Forum and the IAF, but also as a communication tool and a way to raise awareness on the importance of sustainable forest management and the objectives of the Forum.

The Strategic Plan and the Programme of Work should not cite sources of information that do not have broad endorsement of the Parties. Special caution should be given to any key-messages that will be included in the Plan.