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**United Nations Forum on Forests**  
**Fourth session**  
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Agenda item 9  
Adoption of the report of the Forum  
on its fourth session

**Draft report**

*Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur:* Xolisa Mabhongo (South Africa)

**I. Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council  
or brought to its attention**

**A. Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council**

1. [To be completed]

**B. Matters brought to the attention of the Economic and Social Council**

2. The following resolutions adopted by the Forum are brought to the attention of the Council:

[To be completed]

3. The following decision[s] adopted by the Forum is/are brought to the attention of the Council:

[To be completed]

## **II. Organization of the session**

### **A. Opening and duration of the session**

4. The United Nations Forum on Forests held its fourth session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 3-14 May 2004. The Forum held \_\_ plenary meetings (2nd to \_\_).

5. The session was opened by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. José Ocampo.

6. The Coordinator and Head of the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests made a statement.

7. The Chairman of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests made a statement.

8. The representative of Switzerland made a statement.

#### *General statements*

9. At its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, on 3 May 2004, statements were made by the representatives of Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Indonesia, the Russian Federation, South Africa, China, Congo, Australia, Japan, Uganda, Switzerland and Guatemala.

10. At its 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, on 3 May, statements were made by the representatives of Croatia, Cuba, India and New Zealand.

11. At its 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 4 May, statements were made by the representatives of Benin, the Republic of Korea, Guyana, the Central African Republic, Lesotho, Malawi and the United Republic of Tanzania.

12. Also at the same meeting, the representative of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, an intergovernmental organization, made a statement.

**B. Attendance**

13. In accordance with paragraph 4 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35, the Forum is composed of all States Members of the United Nations and specialized agencies of the United Nations, with full and equal participation. Representatives of the following States attended the session:

[To be completed]

14. The following United Nations offices and organs were represented:

[To be completed]

15. The following specialized agencies were represented:

[To be completed]

16. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented:

[To be completed]

17. The following non-governmental organizations were represented:

[To be completed]

**C. Election of officers**

18. The Forum elected at its 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings, on 6 June 2003 and on 3 May 2004, respectively, the following officers of its fourth session:

*Chairman:* H.E. Mr. Yuriy N. Isakov (Russian Federation)

*Vice-Chair:* Stephanie Caswell (United States of America)  
I. Gede Ngurah Swajaya (Indonesia)  
George Talbot (Guyana)

*Vice-Chair-cum Rapporteur:* Xolisa Mabhongo (South Africa)

**D. Adoption of the agenda**

19. At its 2nd meeting, on 3 May 2004, the Forum adopted the following provisional agenda for the session:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Status of the secretariat.
4. Implementation of the proposal for action of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests/Intergovernmental Forum on Forests and the plan of action of the United Nations Forum on Forests:
  - (a) Progress in implementation:
    - (i) Traditional forest-related knowledge;
    - (ii) Forest-related scientific knowledge;
    - (iii) Social and cultural aspects of forests;
    - (iv) Monitoring, assessment and reporting, concepts, terminology and definitions;

(v) Criteria and indicators of sustainable forest management;

(b) Means of implementation (finance, transfer of environmentally sound technologies, and capacity-building for sustainable forest management) as a cross-cutting issue, in the context of sub-items 4 (a) (i)-(v).

5. Common items for each session:

- (a) Multi-stakeholder dialogue;
- (b) Enhanced cooperation;
- (c) Country experiences and lessons learned;
- (d) Emerging issues relevant to country implementation;
- (e) Intersessional work;
- (f) Monitoring, assessment and reporting;
- (g) Promoting public participation;
- (h) National forest programmes;
- (i) Trade;
- (j) Enabling environment.

6. Other matters.

7. Dates and venue of the fifth session of the Forum.

8. Provisional agenda for the fifth session of the Forum.

9. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its fourth session.

## **E. Documentation**

20. The documents before the Forum at its fourth session are listed in the annex.

## **F. Establishment of working groups and designation of their chairmen**

21. At its 2nd meeting, on 3 May, the Forum established two working groups at its fourth session. On the proposal of the Chairman, agenda items and sub-items have been allocated to the two working groups to be chaired by Vice-Chairs as follows:

Working Group I - Mr. Xolisa Mabhongo (South Africa)

- 4(a) (i) – Traditional forest-related knowledge
- 4(a) (ii) – Forest-related scientific knowledge
- 4(a) (iii) – Social and cultural aspects of forests

Working Group I - Mr. George Talbot (Guyana)

- 5(a) – Multi-stakeholder dialogue (partnerships)\*
- 5(e) Intersessional work (Ad Hoc Expert Groups on FINTEST)

Working Group II - Ms. Stephanie Caswell (United States of America)

- 4(a) (iv) – Monitoring, assessment and reporting, concepts, terminology and definitions
- 4(a) (v) Criteria and indicators of sustainable forest management
- 5(a) - Multi-stakeholder dialogue (capacity building)\*
- 5(e) – Intersessional work (Ad Hoc Expert Groups on MAR)

Working Group II - Mr. I. Gene Ngurah Swadjan (Indonesia)

- 5(b) - Enhanced cooperation
- 5(e) Intersessional work (Proposal for Review Process)

\* It was agreed that Item 5(a) Multi-stakeholder dialogue (partnerships) (Working Group I) would be chaired by Ms. Stephanie Caswell (United States of America), and 5(a) – Multi-stakeholder dialogue (capacity building) (Working Group II) would be chaired by Mr. George Talbot (Guyana).

## **G. Participation of Intergovernmental Organizations**

22. At its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the Forum extended an invitation to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to participate in its deliberations (see Chapter I, section B, decision 4/----).

**H. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its organizational session**

23. At its \_\_\_\_, on \_\_ May 2004, the Forum adopted the draft report on its fourth session (E/CN.18/2004/L.1), as introduced by the Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur.

**III. Status of the secretariat**

24. The Forum considered agenda item 3 entitled “Status of the secretariat at its 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 3 and 4 May 2004, respectively. It had before it a note by the Secretariat on the status of the secretariat of the Forum (E/CN.18/2004/3).

25. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, on 3 May, the Coordinator and Head of the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests made an introductory statement.

26. At the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 4 May, a statement was made by the representative of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union).

**Action taken by the Forum**

[To be inserted]

**IV. Implementation of the proposals for action of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests/Intergovernmental Forum on Forests and the plan of action of the United Nations Forum on Forests**

27. The Forum considered agenda item 4 (a) entitled “Implementation of the proposals for action of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests/Intergovernmental Forum on Forests and the plan of action of the United Nations Forum on Forests:

(a) Progress in implementation:

(i) Traditional forest-related knowledge;

- (ii) Forest related scientific knowledge;
- (iii) Social and cultural aspects of forests;
- (iv) Monitoring, assessment and reporting, concepts, terminology and definitions;
- (v) Criteria and indicators of sustainable forest management

(b) Means of implementation (finance, transfer of environmentally sound technologies and capacity-building for sustainable forest management) as a cross-cutting issue, considered in the context of sub-items 4 (a) (i) –(v)) above”

at its 4<sup>th</sup> and ---- plenary meetings, on 4 and ----May 2004, and at meetings of its Working Groups. For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before the following documents:

*sub-item (a) (i):*

Report of the Secretary-General on traditional forest-related knowledge (E/CN.18/2004/7)

*sub-item (a) (ii):*

Report of the Secretary-General on forest-related scientific knowledge (E/CN.18/2004/9)

*sub-item (a) (iii):*

Report of the Secretary-General on social and cultural aspects of forests (E/CN.18/2004/8)

Letter dated 5 March 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Switzerland and the Chargé d'affaires of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/CN.18/2004/15)

*sub-item (a) (iv):*



Report of the Secretary-General on monitoring, assessment and reporting, concepts, terminology and definitions (E/CN.18/2004/10)

*Sub-item (a) (v):*

Report of the Secretary-General on criteria and indicators of sustainable forest management (E/CN.18/2004/11)

28. At its 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 4 May 2004, the Coordinator and Head of the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests made a presentation of forest trends based on National Reports to UNFF.

29. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Guatemala, the United States of America, Malaysia, Congo, Chile, India, Benin, New Zealand, Nigeria, Germany, El Salvador, Philippines, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Fiji and Algeria.

#### **Action taken by the Forum**

[To be inserted]

#### **V. Common items for each session**

30. The Forum held a general discussion on agenda item 5, entitled:

“Common items for each session:

- (a) Multi-stakeholder dialogue;
- (b) Enhanced cooperation;
- (c) Country experience and lessons learned;
- (d) Emerging issues relevant to country implementation;
- (e) Intersessional work;

- (f) Monitoring, assessment and reporting;
- (g) Promoting public participation;
- (h) National forest programmes;
- (i) Trade;
- (j) Enabling environment”

at its 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> ----- plenary meetings on 4, 5, 6, 11 May ----- and at meetings of its Working Groups. For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before the following documents:

*sub-item (a):*

Note by the Secretary-General on the multi-stakeholder dialogue (E/CN.18/2004/4)

Note by the Secretary-General on the multi-stakeholder dialogue: discussion paper contributed by the small forest land owners major group (E/CN.18/2004/4/Add.1)

Note by the Secretary-General on the multi-stakeholder dialogue: discussion paper contributed by the forest workers and trade unions major group (E/CN.18/2004/4/Add.2)

Note by the Secretary-General on the multi-stakeholder dialogue: discussion paper contributed by the children and youth major group (E/CN.18/2004/4/Add.3)

Note by the Secretary-General on the multi-stakeholder dialogue: discussion paper contributed by the business and industry major group (E/CN.18/2004/4/Add.4)

Note by the Secretary-General on the multi-stakeholder dialogue: discussion paper contributed by major groups: women (E/CN.18/2004/4/Add.5)

Note by the Secretary-General on the multi-stakeholder dialogue: discussion paper contributed by the small forest owners major group: building partnerships for sustainable forest management (E/CN.18/2003/2/Add.6)

*sub-item (b):*

Note by the Secretary-General on enhanced cooperation and policy and programme coordination (E/CN.18/2004/13)

Information document on the Collaborative Partnership on Forests Framework 2004 (E/CN.18/2004/INF.1)

*sub-item (e):*

Report of the Ad Hoc Expert Group on Approaches and Mechanisms for Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting ((E/CN.18/2004/2);

Report of the Ad Hoc Expert Group on the Finance and Transfer of Environmentally Sound Technologies (15-19 December 2003, Geneva) (E/CN.18/2004/5);

Note by the Secretariat on the progress in the preparation for the meeting of the Ad Hoc Expert Group on Consideration with a View to Recommending the Parameters of a Mandate for Developing a Legal Framework on All Types of Forests (E/CN.18/2004/6);

Note by the Secretariat on the proposal for a process to facilitate the review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests at the fifth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (E/CN.18/2004/12)

*Item 5 (a) - Multi-stakeholder*

31. The Forum held its multi-stakeholder dialogue at its 8th meeting on 6 May, and at meetings of its Working Groups.

32. At the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 6 May, the Chairman opened the multi-stakeholder dialogue and made a statement.

33. At the same meeting, the Coordinator and Head of the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests introduced document E/CN.18/2004/4 and Add.1-5.

34. At the same meeting, Mr. Christian Mersmann served as Moderator and made introductory remarks.

35. At the same meeting, presentations were made by the representatives of the following major groups: Indigenous People, Women, Children and Youth, Workers and Trade Unions, Farmers and Small Forest Landowners, the Non-governmental Community, Scientific and Technological Communities, and the Business and Industry.

36. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Guatemala, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), the Gambia, Algeria, Brazil, Finland, Russian Federation, Nigeria, Germany, Indonesia, Sweden, Pakistan, Kenya, Canada and Ecuador.

37. Also at the same meeting, the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization made a statement.

38. At the same meeting, the representative of the International Union for the conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) and the representative of the International Centre for Research in Agroforestry (ICRAF), two intergovernmental organizations also made statements.

#### **Action taken by the forum**

39. At the \_ meeting, the Forum had before it a summary by the Chairman of the multi-stakeholder dialogue, which read as follows:

[ Text to be included ]

*Item 5 (b) - Enhanced cooperation*

40. At its 4<sup>th</sup> meeting on 4 May 2004, the Coordinator and Head of the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests introduced the report of the Secretary-General and made a presentation on sustainable forest management and ecosystem approach.

41. At the same meeting, presentations were made by the Chairman of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, the representative of the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

42. At its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 4 May 2004, presentations were made by the representative of the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the representative of the Global Environment Facility.

43. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Pakistan, Norway, the United States of America, Guatemala, Congo, Mexico, Nicaragua, China, Algeria and New Zealand.

44. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization.

45. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the International Tropical Timber Organization and of the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe, two intergovernmental organizations.

46. Also at the same meeting, the representative of the Global Environment Facility responded to questions.

**Action taken by the Forum**

[To be inserted]

*Item 5(c) Country experiences and lessons learned*

*Panel discussion on “Forests and its role in achieving broader development goals”*

47. The Forum held a Panel discussion on “Forests and its role in achieving broader development goals” at its 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting on 3 May.

48. At the same meeting, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. José Ocampo, acted as Moderator.

49. At the same meeting, presentations were made by the following panelists: Mr. Ole Henrik Magga, Chair, Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; Mr. Tony Simmons, Principal Tree Scientist, ICRAF; Mr. Freddy Arnoldo Molina Sanchinel, Director, ACICAFOC; Ms. Inviolata Chingayanrara, Coordinator Africa, IFBWW.

50. At the same meeting, the following delegations made comments: Australia, Costa Rica, the United States of America, Guatemala, Brazil, Benin, the United Kingdom, India, Germany, Gabon and Peru.

51. Also at the same meeting, the representative of the Northern Office of the World Rainforest Movement also participated.

**Action taken by the Forum**

52. At the – meeting, on ---May, the Forum, had before it a summary by the Chairman, which read as follows:

[To be inserted]

*Panel discussion on the implementation with Focus on Africa – “Africa Day”*

53. At its 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 5 May 2004, the Forum held a panel discussion on implementation with Focus on Africa – “Africa Day” and heard a statement by the Chairman.

54. At the same meeting, Presentations were made by the Coordinator and Head of the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests; Mr. Gregoire Nkeoua, Director of Forestry, Ministry of Forestry of the Republic of Congo, Mr. El-Hadji Sene, Director, Forest Resources, FAO, Ms. Ruth Mubiru, Director, Uganda Tree Planting Movement; Dr. Tobais Takavarasha, Agriculture Adviser, NEPAD; Mr. Frank Kufakwandi, Principal Forestry Officer, African Development Bank; Mr. Samuel Nguiffo, Director for Environment and Development (CED), Cameroon, and Mr. Yemi Katerere, Assistant Director-General, CIFOR, and Her Excellency Prof. Judith Mbula Bahemuka, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations in New York acted as moderator.

55. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Malawi (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Uganda, Canada, Ecuador, Gambia, Senegal, France, Germany, Madagascar and Indonesia; as well as by the representative of the Center for International Forestry Research, an intergovernmental organization.

56. At its 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 5 May, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, South Africa, Algeria, Central African Republic, Nigeria, China, Benin, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

**Action taken by the Forum**

57. At its --- meeting, on --- May, the Forum had before it a summary by the Chairman, as contained in document E/CN.18/2004/L.2, and which read as follows:

*Panel discussion on implementation day with Focus on SIDS “SIDS Day”*

58. At its 9th meeting, on 11 May 2004, the Forum held a panel discussion on implementation with Focus on SIDS – “SIDS Day” and heard a statement by the Chairman.

59. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the Coordinator and Head of the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests.

60. At the same meeting, presentations were made by H.E. Dr. Rafael Francisco de Moya Pons, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources of the Dominican Republic; Mr. Rolph Payet, Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Seychelles; Dr. Eugene Hendrik, Director, Ministry of Agriculture, Ireland; Dr. Graham Watkins, Acting Director General, Iwokrama Project, Guyana; Mr. Simione Rokoalaga, from the Mission of Fiji to the United Nations in New York; Ms. Mette Loyche Wilkie, Senior Forestry Officer, FAO; and Ms. JoAnne DiSano, Director of the Division on Sustainable Development of the Department on Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations will be the moderator of the panel discussion.

61. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of New Zealand, Qatar, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, Mauritius, Grenada, Australia, the United States of America, Guyana, Jamaica, Indonesia, Canada and Nicaragua.

**Action taken by the Forum**

62. At its -- meeting, on --- May, the Forum had before it a summary by the Chairman, which read as follows:

[To be inserted]

*Item 5 (e) – Intersessional work*

63. At the -- meeting, the Coordinator and Head of the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests introduced the note by the Secretariat on the progress in the preparation for the



meeting of the Ad Hoc Expert Group on Consideration with a View to Recommending the Parameters of a Mandate for Developing a Legal Framework on All Types of Forests (E/CN.18/2004/6).

[To be completed]

## **V. Other matters**

64. The Forum discussed agenda item 6, entitled "Other matters" at its -- and --- meetings, on -- and -- May 2004.

## **VI. Date and venue for the fifth session of the Forum in 2005**

[To be completed]

## **VII. Provisional agenda for the fifth session of the Forum**

[To be completed]

## **Annex**

### **List of documents before the Forum at its fourth session**

[To be completed]

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