

UNFF2 Meeting Summary - 27-

The Bureau was informed that the Minister of Environment and Energy of Costa Rica would not be able to chair the Ministerial segment as previously planned. The Bureau started a process to identify a new chairperson for the Ministerial segment.

Regarding the dialogue between the ministers and heads of CPF member organizations, the Bureau reiterated its earlier selection of five critical issues, and that one Minister will be requested to make an opening statement on one particular critical issue. The heads from 2 - 3 CPF member organizations, to be decided by the Ministers and CPF heads on that particular critical issue. The Bureau would explore with some Ministers to see their availability and willingness to make the opening statements for each of the critical issues.

The Bureau would prepare a summary highlighting the key points of the dialogue.

Regarding ministerial deliberations the Bureau reflected on the draft Ministerial message sent in advance by Mr. Øistad. The Bureau found the draft as a useful basis for further refinement of the possible ministerial message. Suggestions were made to highlight the global environmental benefits of forests and the need for resource mobilization for capacity building in developing countries and countries with economies in transition. Mr. Øistad would revise the draft and distribute it as an unofficial note with the intention to stimulate discussion on the context, strategic objectives and elements of a possible Ministerial Message from UNFF to WSSD.

The Bureau noted that the outcome of the Ministerial deliberation could be an endorsement of UNFF Plan of

6. Division of work among the Bureau members