

**United Nations Forum on Forests
Bureau of the Seventh Session (UNFF7 Bureau)
Minutes of the fifth meeting**

UN Forum on Forests Secretariat, New York
31 January 2007 (Wednesday)
9:00 – 3:00 PM
One UN Plaza, DC 1 -12th floor Conference room

Participation

Bureau members: Mr. Hans Hoogeveen, H.E. Mr. Hamidon Ali and Mr. Arvids Ozols. Mr. Abraham Quezada represented H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira and Mr. Gregoire Lomba represented Mr. Andre-Jules Madingou.

UNFF Secretariat: Mr. Pekka Patosaari, Mr. Mahendra Joshi, Mr. Jorge Illueca, Ms. Barbara Tavora-Jainchill, Ms. Afsa Kemitale and Ms. Catalina Santamaria.

Secretary of the Forum: Ms. Vivian Pliner.

Others: Mr. Razif Mubin, Permanent Mission of Malaysia and Mr. Julio Torres, Permanent Mission of Chile.

The agenda of the fifth meeting of the Bureau were the following:

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Adoption of the minutes of the fourth meeting, held on 10 December 2006
3. Preparations for the seventh session of the UN Forum on Forests
4. Meeting of the chairpersons of the Functional Commissions and the Council Bureau
5. Other matters

Opening of the meeting

Mr. Hoogeveen chaired the fifth meeting and welcomed all members of the Bureau and the Secretariat. The Chair also informed the Bureau that representatives of the Permanent Mission of Indonesia would brief the Bureau at 11:30 am on the preparations of the Bali country-led initiative.

1. Adoption of agenda

The Bureau adopted the provisional agenda circulated in advance without amendments.

2. Adoption of the minutes of the fourth meeting, held on 10 December 2006

The draft minutes of the fourth meeting circulated by the Secretariat were adopted by the Bureau.

3. Preparations for the seventh session of the UN Forum on Forests

The Bureau members exchanged their views on a number of issues related to the preparations for the seventh session of the Forum including documentation, as well as organizational and strategic planning.

3.1 Follow-up to the ad hoc expert group (AHEG) meeting of December 2006 and revised draft composite text on the content of the non-legally binding instrument (NLBI)

The Secretariat briefed the Bureau on the Report of the AHEG and follow-up activities. It informed the Bureau of steps taken to respond to the AHEG's request of revising the structure of the instrument, distilling a number of sections and preparing a 2nd revised draft composite text on the content of the NLBI, as a part of the Note by the Secretariat for the seventh session. The Bureau members provided their inputs to the draft text and expressed their appreciation to the Secretariat for the quality of work in preparing the 2nd draft composite text.

Decisions taken:

The Note with the revised 2nd draft composite text would be submitted for processing and web-posting.

During the CLI meeting in Bali on 16 February, the UNFF 7 Bureau would brief the participants on the 2nd draft composite text and other preparations of UNFF7.

3.2 Multi-year programme of work (MYPOW)

The Secretariat briefed the Bureau on the draft re

The Secretariat informed the Bureau members of the need for contributions to its trust fund in order to effectively support travel of participants from developing countries and countries with economies in transition to UNFF7.

Decisions taken:

The Bureau members would continue to encourage countries to contribute to the UNFF Trust Fund.

Closing of the meeting

Mr. Hoogeveen thanked the Bureau members and the secretariat for their participation in the meeting and adjourned the meeting.