



Views and Comments of China on UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030

As requested by Co-Chairs of the first meeting of the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group (AHEG1), China would share the following views and comments on the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 and the quadrennial program of work for the period 2017-2020, on the basis of the AHEG1 report and related background papers prepared by the UNFF Secretariat.

I. The title

China supports the Strategic Plan be entitled the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 to highlight its role in enhancing synergies in the UN system, and addressing fragmentation of the global governance on forests.

II. Introduction

China supports outlining

Goal 6: Enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence and synergies on forest-related issues at all levels (IAF Objective 3). Targets may include: establish a UN high-level coordination mechanism on forest issues, enhance the development of a global system on forest governance, and effectively operate the GFFFN.

V. Implementation framework

Actions to achieve strategic goals should focus on implementation of the UNFI.

Roles and responsibilities should be concise and consistent with the ECOSOC resolution

strategy.

VIII. The 4POW 2017-2020

The priority actions, resource needs and major actors should be identified based on the core content of the Strategic Plan. The 4POW should help develop a global system on forest governance, based on the framework agreed upon in the ECOSOC resolution 2015/33, further improve the institutional and mechanism design, and transform to prioritize SFM and UNFI implementation.

UNFF12 (2017) could base on VPCs, an important mechanism to implement the Strategic Plan, to develop the future implementing, monitoring, assessment and reporting mechanisms.

To ensure the effective operation of the GFFFN, its implementation could be discussed on odd-year sessions. Suggestions to improve the GFFFN and increase its efficiency and effectiveness based on the ECOSOC resolution 2015/33 could be made in 2018.

China looks forward to close cooperation with all delegates and experts in AHEG2 and follow-up meetings to facilitate development of the Strategic Plan and the 4POW.

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