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To Whom It May Concern:

The United States appreciates the opportunity to provide input to the draft Strategic Plan of the IAF and the Quadrennial Program of Work for the period 2017-2020 as outlined in the UNFF Resolution, and thanks the UNFF Secretariat for compiling the submissions from UNFF members and other stakeholders.

We look forward to working further together on the development of an optimal strategic Plan and Quadrennial Program of Work at the upcoming Ad Hoc Expert Group Meeting on October 10.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: United States Input on the Draft Strategic Plan and QPW for the Period 2017-2020

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*Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through SFM, including protection, restoration, afforestation and reforestation, and increase efforts to prevent forest degradation.*

*Enhance forest-based economic, social and environmental benefits, including by improving the livelihoods of forest dependent people.*

*Increase significantly the area of protected forests worldwide and other areas of sustainably managed forests, as well as the proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests.*

*Reverse the decline in ODA for SFM and mobilize significantly increased, new and additional financial resources from all sources for the implementation of SFM (GOF 4) and foster N-S, S-S and triangular cooperation and public-private partnerships.*

*Promote sustainable governance frameworks to implement the UNFI and enhance the contribution of forests to the 2030 Agenda.*

*Enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence and synergies on forest-related issues.*

*Goal 1 replicates GOF 1 and directly addresses SDG target 15.2. This goal further supports IAF objectives 1 and 5 and will be advanced through actions to halt deforestation, increase forest cover and safeguard and enhance forest health, including through reforestation, afforestation, forest rehabilitation and landscape restoration. This goal addressing threats to forests from land clearing, as well as from overgrazing, fire, pollution, pests, invasive alien species, fragmentation and climate change.*

*Goal 2 replicates GOF 2, and emphasizes the contributions that forests make to the economic and social pillars of sustainable development. Goal 2 therefore addresses issues and SDGs related to livelihoods for rural and forest-dependent people and communities, traditional forest-related knowledge, economic productivity through diversification (SDG 8.2), the role of small and medium sized forest-based enterprises, the value of ecosystem services for biodiversity and climate change.*

*This goal encompasses efforts at all levels to strengthen the means of implementation needed to achieve SFM and sustainable forest-based industries, in particular in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, including through financial, technical and scientific resources, capacity building, cooperation and partnerships, and a strong science-policy interface. Efforts to increase ODA in support of forests need to be joined with actions to increase investment in SFM, develop public-private partnerships for science and technology cooperation, and strengthen forest-related research.*

*Goal 5 supports IAF Objectives 1, 2, 4 and 5; as well as SDG 16. This goal will be advanced by actions at all levels to strengthen the legal, policy and institutional framework needed to achieve SFM and enhance the contribution of forests and trees outside forests to the 2030 Agenda. This will require cross-sectoral policy and program coordination to address the drivers of deforestation, enabling environments for investment in SFM, public awareness of forest benefits, participatory decision-making, forest law enforcement, and land tenure security for both men and women.*

*Goal 6 supports IAF Objective 3 and will be advanced by actions to strengthen the CPF and enhance coherence as well as the policy and program cooperation and coordination at all levels among its member organizations. This includes linking the UNFF with other intergovernmental bodies within and beyond the UN System with forest-related mandates and interests.*

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