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**UNFF Intersessional Activities on the International Arrangement on Forests
Format for Soliciting Views and Proposals on the International Arrangement on Forests
United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat
July 2013**

1. According to the multi-year programme of work adopted in 2007, the overall theme of the eleventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF11) in 2015 will be “Forests: progress, challenges and the way forward for the international arrangement on forests (IAF).” At this session, the Forum will review the effectiveness of the IAF and decide on its future.¹
2. In preparation for UNFF11 in 2015, the Forum has made a number of decisions during the last fourteen years.² Most recently, Member States through Resolution 10/2 of UNFF10 decided to undertake several intersessional activities to ensure UNFF11 has a strong basis to review the effectiveness of the IAF and make a decision on the future of the IAF.
3. One of the three components of the intersessional activities on the IAF, as outlined in Resolution 10/2 of UNFF10, is to solicit views from Member States and other relevant stakeholders on the IAF. Specifically, the Resolution invites countries, the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, its member organizations, other relevant organizations, relevant regional and subregional forest-related mechanisms, institutions, instruments, organizations and processes, major groups and other stakeholders to submit views and proposals to the Forum’s Secretariat on the six key issues set out in paragraph 5 of the same resolution, and the full range of options on the future international arrangement on forests. The UNFF Secretariat should provide the compilation of these views and proposals to the first meeting of the ad hoc expert group (AHEG1) on the IAF³.
4. This format has been prepared by the Forum’s Secretariat to facilitate submission of the inputs on the IAF to AHEG1. The electronic version of this format is available at: (<http://www.un.org/esa/forests/docs/Views-on-IAF.doc>). Member States and other relevant stakeholders are invited to download this format and use it to submit their views and proposals in English. The explanation in each box should not exceed 150 words. Member States and other stakeholders are kindly requested to submit the original copy of the completed format in word processing software, with a scanned copy of the official letter from their respective organization/ministry/mission, via email to: unff@un.org, with copy to Mr. Hossein Moeini-Meybodi at: moeini-meybodi@un.org, and Ms. Thida Sam at: sam2@un.org. All inputs should be sent to the UNFF Secretariat by **30 October 2013**.

¹ Resolution 1 of UNFF7 and its annex (E/2007/42), please see:

<http://daccess-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N07/349/31/PDF/N0734931.pdf?OpenElement>

² ECOSOC Resolutions 2000/35 and 2006/49, Resolution 1 of UNFF7 and its annex (E/2007/42) and Resolution 2 of UNFF10 and its annex (E/2013/42)

³ OP 5 and 6 of Resolution 2 of UNFF10 and paragraph 2 of its annex- Please see:

<http://daccess-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N13/321/90/PDF/N1332190.pdf?OpenElement>

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Section A: Full range of options for the IAF

A.1 Please select (with X in front of the options below) and explain the preferred option for the future of the IAF:

- A legally binding instrument on all types of forests
- Strengthening of the current IAF
- Continuation of the current IAF
- Other options (please describe) -

Section B: Performance of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) and its processes since 2000, and future options for UNFF

B.1 Please explain if you consider the current UNFF structure and its biennial sessions as sufficient to take

B.3 Please provide your view on the future options for the UNFF:

7A> ?NMK> HI N?GL HG MA> `O>@ ER' EG=EG@.GLMNF >GMHG: ENNI >L H? +HK>LM?HK MA> 82++ B. HG> H?MA>; >LMLHENN?HG ?HK MA> ?NMK> H?6NLMBG; ; E+HK>LM : G: @F >GM?G MA> P HKE=

B.4 Please describe the potential roles for UNFF in implementing the UN post-2015 development agenda and the SDGs:

* GA: G<EG@ H? <HH >K: N?HG : G= <HK=EG: N?HG HG ?HK>LMK>E MA= I HBR : F HG@LMF >F ; >K <HNGMB>L : G= I : KN>KLi .MB : ELH =>O>EH F >GM?N?EG@MHE?HK >GA: G<EG@<HH >K: N?HG : LP >E : LI HBR : G= I KH@K F F > <HK=EG: N?HG HG ?HK>LMK>E MA= BLN>L : F HG@K>EQ GMBGMAKG: N?HG: E : G= K>@EG: EH@ GES: N?GL, BGLNMMN?GL : G= BGLMNF >GMAI

B.5 Please describe the role and impact of Country-Led Initiatives and ad hoc expert groups in the work of the UNFF:

7A> (HNGMR`O>= .GBB ND) : K> BF I HKMGMDEG@LN<<LL LMKR : G= ELLHGL E: KG>= ?KF MA> BF I E>F >M?HG H? MA> 2HG`O>@ ER' EG=EG@.GLMNF >GMHG: ENNI >L H? ?HK>LM I BHM KH<<V?G F R<HNGMA

B.6 Please indicate how effective you consider the engagement of major groups in the work of the UNFF and provide suggestions on their further engagement:

7A> >G@ @F >GM?F : G?K @KNI L EG MA> P HKD H?MA> 82++ B. MG: I I K>B; E E>O?i - HP >O>K MA> 82++ G>>=L MA I KHOB-> : =>JN: M LNI I HKMVI F >F ; >K LMMAL P BMA Q LMP?HK>LMHO>K : G= >O>G P BMA MHL> I HLL>LL?G@E>LL I HKN?HG H? ?HK>LMHO>K

B.7 Please explain the role and impact of the International Year of Forests and the International Day of Forests in promoting greater awareness and strengthening political and public commitment for forests:

7A> .GMKG: N?HG: E9>: KH? +HK>LM : G= .GMKG: N?HG: E) : RH? +HK>LM : K> I KHOB=EG@: G BF I : <M MAKHN@A : P : K>G>LL : G= : ELH >G<HNK: @EG@MA> I HBR F : D>KL MING=>KLMG= MA> BF I HKMGMH? ?HK>LM?G MA> G: N?HG: E=>O>EH F >GM @G= : BF I KHOB@ED>BAHH= HI I HKMGBB>L H? MA> ?HK>LM =P >EG@<HF F NGBB>LI

Section C: The Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests (Forest Instrument) and the four Global Objectives on Forests (GOFs)

C.1 Please indicate progress in the implementation of the forest instrument:

- Adequate
- Inadequate
- Not sure

C.2 Please provide suggestions on how to improve progress:

7A> I KH@>LL < G; > BF I KHO>=; R <HGLNMMNG@: M EG>= 6+1 7>: F EG>: <AF >F ; >KLMMA: G= : LL?G MA>F P BMA MLDL MA: M: G; >F HGBMK>=, >O EN: MA= : G= K>I HKVA= NI HG HG: JN: KVAKER HK ; B GGN: E; : LBj

C.3 Please indicate progress in achieving the GOFs:

	Adequate	Inadequate	Not sure
GOF1:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GOF2:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GOF3:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GOF4:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.4 Please provide suggestions on how to improve progress:

* O>GMHN@M>K> : K> E@ E: G= I HBR ?K: F >PHKI NMB I E <M>GLNK> LNLMBG ; E> ?HK>LV

D.2 Please provide suggestion(s) on strengthening the Secretariat of the Forum to enable it to fulfill its functions more effectively:

7A> F >F ; >K LMVNL : G= MA> ?B: G<B E @KNI L LAHNE= B<K>: L> MA> ; N=@MH? MA> 82++
6><K>MKB MIM I BF I KHO> MA> <HK=B: NIG: 1 HK>HO>K (BDE LHN HK@ GB: NIG I >KLHGG>E
LAHNE= ; > B<EN=>= MI K>E<M>JN: E : G= ?NE K>I K>L>GMVNHG H? : E @KNI L MA> LMVNL : G=
B=B>GHNLI >HI E°i

D.3 Please provide suggestion(s) on how the Forum Secretariat's role, as a CPF member and as CPF secretariat, should be strengthened:

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Section F: Financing options and strategies

F.1 Please provide views on financing options and strategies, including the creation of a voluntary Global