

**United Nations Forum on Forests  
Bureau of the Fifth Session (UNFF 5 Bureau)**

**Minutes of the sixth meeting**

Tuesday, 15 March 2005

6.00-8.20 PM, FAO, Rome Time

**Participation**

**Bureau members:** Mr. Manuel Rodriguez-Beccera (Chair), H.E. Mr. Rezian Ishar Jenie, H.E. Mr. Denys Gauer, and Mr. Vasile Lupu. H.E. Mr. Francis K. Butagira sent regrets.

**CPF:** Mr. Hosny ElLakany (Chair)

**UNFF Secretariat:** Mr. Pekka Patosaari, Mr. Peter Csoka

**Other:** Ms. Gabriela Dumitriu, Deputy Permanent Representative to FAO (Romania), Mr. Florean Borlea, Ministry of Agriculture, (Romania), Mr. Tri Tharyat, Permanent Mission to UN (Indonesia)

The sixth meeting of the Bureau considered the following agenda items:

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Informal consultation on the preparation for the fifth session of UNFF
3. Review of the planning for the fifth session of UNFF
4. Other business

**Opening of the meeting**

Mr. Manuel Rodriguez-Becerra chaired the meeting. Mr. Rodriguez-Becerra warmly welcomed Mr. Vasile Lupu to the Bureau after the nomination by the Eastern European Group. Mr. Lupu has replaced Mr. Adam Craciunescu in the Bureau.

**1. Adoption of the agenda**

The Bureau adopted the provisional agenda circulated in advance.

**2. Informal consultation on the preparation for the fifth session of UNFF**

The Bureau agreed that informal consultations could be a useful means of facilitating the preparations towards UNFF5. It could help clarify countries' expectations as well as bring clarity to issues related to the review process. It was agreed that such consultations could best be conducted when the documentation for UNFF5 is available preferable in all official languages but at least in advanced unedited version. Considering also the input from the UN regional groups the Bureau decided that the informal consultation be convened on 27 April 2005, if logistically feasible.

**3. Review of the planning for the fifth session of UNFF**

### *Expected outcomes and organisation of work*

The Bureau considered the revised organisation of work. It was agreed that UNFF5 could conclude on one *omnibus* resolution covering all agenda items and one ministerial declaration. Recognizing the strong relation between the expected outputs and the organisation of work and suggesting a number of changes to the circulated draft proposal, the Bureau agreed that the final decision on this issue should be taken based on the discussion of the informal consultations. The Bureau also decided that the first draft for a possible ministerial declaration should be presented after the first session addressing this agenda item.

### *High level segment*

Mr. Patosaari explained the detailed program proposal and invited Bureau members to consider a chairperson for the plenary discussion on the restoration of the world's forests. The Bureau also discussed the concept of a ministerial lunch to be offered by the USG of DESA and concluded that because of language problems the event could be difficult to organize if only ministers were invited.

## **4. Other business**

### *Informal meeting with the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) focal points*

The Bureau concluded that the meeting (in the form of a lunch on the invitation of the chair of CPF) would be an excellent opportunity to learn CPF members' views on how the Partnership could be strengthened to support implementation more efficiently.

### *Next meeting date*

The Bureau agreed that its seventh meeting will be held on the day of informal consultation, possibly on 27 April.

### *Other matters*

The Bureau cleared the draft minutes on its fourth and fifth meeting.