

INDONESIA:

Voluntary Code on the Management, Conservation and Sustainable Development of All Types of Forests

Recalling ECOSOC Resolution 2000/35 of 18 October 2000, and ECOSOC Resolution 2006/xxx ofJuly 2006;

Recalling also the global objectives on forests as stipulated in ECOSOC resolution 2006/xxx;

Reaffirming the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development; Chapter 11 of Agenda 21; the Non-Legally Binding Authoritative Statement of Principles for a Global Consensus on the Management, Conservation and Sustainable Development of All Types of Forests; the proposals for action identified by the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests (IPF) and the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests (IFF); decisions of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF); and the Johannesburg Declaration and Plan of Implementation (JPOI);

Reaffirming also the sovereign right of States to exploit their own resources pursuant to their own environmental and development policies as well the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities;

Recognizing that endeavours for the conservation, and sustainable management and development of all types of forests should be strengthened, so that forests and forest ecosystems contribute fully to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration, taking full account of the linkages between the forestry sector and other sectors;

Recognizing also the significant contribution of major groups and relevant stakeholders in efforts to planning, development and implementation of national forest policies;

Expressing concern that illegal logging and its associated trade in illegally harvested forest products have reached an alarming rate that is causing the loss of revenues, ecosystems degradation, loss of biodiversity and aggravating poverty particularly in developing countries;

Recognizing also the need to strengthen the interaction between the UNFF and relevant regional forest-related mechanisms, institutions and instruments, organizations and processes, with participation of major groups, as identified in Agenda 21, and relevant stakeholders to facilitate enhanced cooperation and effective implementation of sustainable forest management, as well as to contribute to the work of the Forum;

Stressing the need for adequate means of implementation to effectively implement sustainable forest management and attention should be given to provide program and planning supported by adequate resources including finance, capacity building and

transfer of environmentally sound technologies for developing countries including least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, small island developing states, and countries with economies in transition;

1. *Decides* to adopt a Voluntary Code on the management, conservation and sustainable management of all types of forests;
2. *Resolves* that the following actions should be undertaken by subscribing States at the national, regional and global level in implementing this Code:
 - a. Integrate forests issues into national and international development agendas through the strengthening of institutions in support of the development and implementation of national forestry programs;
 - b. Enhance policy coordination and international cooperation including South-South cooperation;
 - c. Establish a more effective mechanism for program implementation and cooperation at regional and sub-regional levels;
 - d. Encourage participation of all relevant stakeholders in the planning, development and implementation of national forest policies
3. *Decides* to implement this Code, including the achievement of global objectives with the following means:
 - a. Increase official development assistance for forestry-related activities;
 - b. Increase finance from private, public and voluntary sources;
 - c. Strengthen existing forest related funds;
 - d. Establish a global forest fund;
 - e. Develop innovative financial mechanisms;
 - f. Strengthen the capacity of developing countries for the implementation of sustainable forest management;
 - g. Enhance access to and transfer of environmentally sound technologies and corresponding know-how on favorable terms, including on concessional and preferential terms, as mutually agreed, in accordance with the relevant provisions of Agenda 21;
 - h. Strengthen forestry education, research and development through global, regional and sub-regional networks, as well as relevant organizations, institutions and

- centers of excellence in all regions of the world, particularly in developing countries;
- i. Promote bilateral, regional and international cooperation on forest law enforcement and governance to combat illegal logging and its associated trade particularly on illegally harvested timber, non-timber products, wildlife, and other forest products;
 - j. Facilitate and promote investments on maintaining sustainable forest management, reforestation, afforestation and establishing new planted forests;
4. *Decides* that the Code shall be open for subscription by States and regional economic integration organizations by submitting a diplomatic note to the UNFF secretariat. This procedure applies *mutatis mutandis* to the withdrawal of States and regional economic integration organizations from this Code. The UNFF Secretariat should disseminate the status of States' subscription to the Voluntary Code to all members of UNFF on a periodic basis;
 5. *Decides* that the UNFF Secretariat will function as the Secretariat for Voluntary Code;
 6. *Decides* that the UNFF should meet every two years to assess the implementation of this Code, review national reports on progress of implementation and should provide policy guidance. Every alternate year, regional meetings should be held to discuss concrete measures to implement this Code at national and regional levels;
 7. *Decides* to review the effectiveness of this Code in 2015.