## I. Proposal of the African Group

## Elements of a voluntary code/guidelines/international understanding

- 1. Enhanced capacity-building mechanisms.
- 2. Recognition of the global importance of forests.
- 3. Must facilitate or attract strong political support.
- 4. Must build on strengthening subregional initiatives.
- 5. Must provide for technological transfer as a means for achievement of sustainable forest management.
- 6. Must address the three elements (social, environmental and economic) of sustainable forest management.
- 7. Should include reference to the role of Major Groups.
- 8. Should accommodate regional nuances and variations.
- 9. Should have appropriate institutional arrangements for implementation, including strengthening the role of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests.
- 10. Clear funding mechanisms to ensure that implementation is facilitated in developing countries.
- 11. Effective institutional arrangements and working modalities.
- 12. Enhanced international cooperation and assistance.