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**Submission from Norway**

Reference is made to the invitation from the UNFF secretariat to submit views and proposals on the matters referred to in paragraph 44 of the UNFF11 resolution. Please find enclosed the input from Norway.

Yours sincerely,

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## References to SDGs, proposal according to paragraph 44 a)

The Forest Instrument is a long-term strategy for sustainable forest management. Changes to the Forest Instrument should be kept to a minimum, in order to avoid lengthy negotiations, and be of a purely technical nature. In all cases where the MDGs are referred to without any qualifications, it can easily be replaced by a reference to the Sustainable Development Goals.

Agreeing on more detailed referencing of the SDGs in the Forest Instrument will not be as simple. The relation to the 2030 agenda will be covered by the strategic plan, and our preference is to focus discussions on aligning the Strategic Plan 2017-2030 with the SDGs, rather than having these discussions related to the Forest Instrument.

## The strategic plan 2017-2030, proposal according to paragraph 44 b)

The strategic plan will be the tool to provide guidance on the future work of the IAF, to ensure cooperation between forest-related organizations, and to make sure the Forum is contributing to the work of other forest-related actors.

The strategic plan could be named Strategic Plan for Sustainable Forest Management 2017-2030.

The purpose of the plan could be to enable the promotion of sustainable forest management by coordinating forest-related work in the best possible way.

The Strategic Plan should give guidance on how the IAF can contribute to the 2030 agenda, and operationalize the contribution of the IAF to the achievement of the sustainable development goals.

The Strategic Plan must take into account forest related developments in other fora and give guidance on how the work of the UNFF could contribute to these fora.

The strategic plan should outline in what way the Forum could contribute to the implementation, follow-up and review of the forest-related aspects of the 2030 agenda, and how the Forum could offer to contribute to the work of the HLPF.

The strategic plan should clarify the relation between the sessions by defining modalities for the odd and even years session.

The strategic plan should give general guidance on how the CPF can contribute in the best possible way to the work of the UNFF.

## The quadrennial programme of work 2017-2020

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The work program will cover the work within the United Nations Forum on Forests only.

The work plan should outline the topics for the three UNFF sessions to be held in this period.

We would like to propose that the following topics are included in the work plan:

- Forest landscape restoration
- Climate change and forests
- Forests and the SDGs

For each of these topics, possibilities for cooperation with other forest-related organizations and processes should be identified.