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Dear Mr. Trepelkov,

In response to UNFF Secretariat's request for advices from member states on the main content of the Declaration, I would like to provide you China's input to the Ministerial Declaration of High Level Segment of UNFF 15, which is attached to this letter. I hope it could serve as the reference for your consideration and be incorporated into the final document.

With my best wishes,



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Encs: China's input to the Ministerial Declaration of HLS, UNFF 15 (Chinese and English version)

附件

中国关于 UNFF15 高级别论坛部长级宣言内容的建议

以下是中国关于部长宣言的建议,供 UNFF 秘书处参考:

总体而言,部长宣言应赞赏各国为实施《联合国森林战略规划》(2017-2030)所付出的努力和取得的成绩,并结合截至目前年所取得的进展,分析实施《战略规划》下一步面临的问题和挑战,提出需要国际社会重点关注、需要各国共同努力的核心问题。建议将以下几点内容纳入宣言:

1, 认识到森林是陆地生态系统的主体,在景观和区域尺度,与其他生态系统共同构成山水林田湖草生命共同体,应在全球不同层面采取综合治理措施,推动森林的保护和可持续经营,实现人与自然和谐共生和可持续发展。

2, 认识到资金和各方面资源在促进各国履行《联合国森林文书》和《联合国森林战略规划》方面的重要性,国际社会,尤其是发达国家应该积极为发展中国家履行《联合国森林文书》和《联合国森林战略规划》提供必要资金和相关能力建设支持。应进一步发挥“全球森林资金网络”在帮助发展中国

家提高林业融资能力方面的重要作用，扩大该网络的影响力，以满足各国不断增长的资金需求。

3，认识到森林在实现 2030 可持续发展目标的重要作用，特别是森林（包括非木质林产品）在消除贫困中的独特作用。应进一步采取措施提升森林质量，鼓励非木质林产品的合理利用，促进《联合国森林战略规划》和可持续发展目标的实现。

4，全球有一半以上居民生活在城市，随着城市化进程加快，将有更多居民进入城市，城市森林发挥着越来越重要的生态、社会和环境效益。应进一步加强城市森林建设，发挥森林在改善人居环境、休憩康养以及文化中的作用，为人类创造更多福祉。

China's input to the Ministerial Declaration of HLS, UNFF 15

China would like to propose the following aspects as its input to the Ministerial Declaration of High Level Segment of UNFF15:

In general, the Ministerial Declaration should appreciate the efforts and achievements made by member states in implementing United Nations Strategic Plan on Forest (UNSPF 2017-2030), analyze the problems and challenges we are facing for the next step to accomplish the UNSPF based on the progress made so far, and come up with core issues that require attentions of the international community and the common efforts of all member states.

We would like to recommend the following points to be taken into consideration in drafting the Ministerial Declaration, and hopefully can be reflected in the Declaration:

1. Recognizing that forest is an integral part of terrestrial ecosystem, constituting a community of shared life with other forms of ecosystems, such as mountains, rivers, farmlands, lakes, and grasslands at landscape and regional scale. A holistic approach should be taken at different levels globally to promote forest preservation and sustainable management, achieving harmonious co-existence between human and nature and sustainable development.
2. Noting the importance of funding and various resources in facilitating member countries to implement United Nations Forest Instrument (UNFI) and UNSPF, the international community, especially the developed countries, shall provide necessary fund and capacity building for developing countries to implement UNFI and UNSPF. The role of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network (GFFFN) in assisting developing countries to enhance forest financing should be further strengthened to extend its scale and effect, so as to satisfy the increasing demands on forest financing from member states.
3. Recognizing the importance of forests in achieving 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, particularly the special role played by forests, including non-wood forest products, in eradicating poverty, further actions should be taken to upgrade the quality of forests, with the rational use of non-wood forest products, to facilitate the accomplishment of UNSPF and relevant Sustainable Development Goals.
4. There are more than half of people living in urban areas worldwide. With the development of urbanization, there will be larger population in urban areas. In this

respect, urban forestry is increasingly important in term of ecological, social and environmental effects and should be developed to better play the role in improving living environment, recreation, health care and culture, so as to generate more welfare to the human society.