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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Angola to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) and, in response to the Note by the Chair of the UNFF12 Bureau, has the honour to submit herewith the inputs of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Angola on Soliciting Views and Proposals on the International Arrangement on Forests (IAF).

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Angola to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) the assurances of its highest consideration.



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**UNFF Intersessional Activities on the International Arrangement on Forests
Format for Soliciting Views and Proposals on the International Arrangement on Forests
United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat
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1. According to the multi-year programme of work adopted in 2007, the overall theme of the eleventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF11) in 2015 will be "Forests: progress, challenges and the way forward for the international arrangement on forests (IAF)." At this session, the Forum will review the effectiveness of the IAF and decide on its future.¹
2. In preparation for UNFF11 in 2015, the Forum has made a number of decisions during the last fourteen years.² Most recently, Member States through Resolution 10/2 of UNFF10 decided to undertake several intersessional activities to ensure UNFF11 has a strong basis to review the effectiveness of the IAF and make a decision on the future of the IAF.
3. One of the three components of the intersessional activities on the IAF, as outlined in Resolution 10/2 of UNFF10, is to solicit views from Member States and other relevant stakeholders on the IAF. Specifically, the Resolution invites countries, the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, its member organizations, other relevant organizations, relevant regional and subregional forest-related mechanisms, institutions, instruments, organizations and processes, major groups and other stakeholders to submit views and proposals to the Forum's Secretariat on the six key issues set out in paragraph 5 of the same resolution, and the full range of options on the future international arrangement on forests. The UNFF Secretariat should provide the compilation of these views and proposals to the first meeting of the ad hoc expert group (AHEG1) on the IAF³.
4. This format has been prepared by the Forum's Secretariat to facilitate submission of the inputs on the IAF to AHEG1. The electronic version of this format is available at: (<http://www.un.org/esa/forests/docs/Views-on-IAF.doc>). Member States and other relevant stakeholders are invited to download this format and use it to submit their views and proposals in English. The explanation in each box should not exceed 150 words. Member States and other stakeholders are kindly requested to submit the original copy of the completed format in word processing software, with a scanned copy of the official letter from their respective organization/ministry/mission, via email to: unff@un.org, with copy to Mr. Hossein Moeini-Meybodi at: moeini-meybodi@un.org, and Ms. Thida Sam at: sam2@un.org. All inputs should be sent to the UNFF Secretariat by **30 October 2013**.

¹ Resolution 1 of UNFF7 and its annex (E/2007/42), please see:

<http://daccess-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N07/349/31/PDF/N0734931.pdf?OpenElement>

² ECOSOC Resolutions 2000/35 and 2006/49, Resolution 1 of UNFF7 and its annex (E/2007/42) and Resolution 2 of UNFF10 and its annex (E/2013/42)

³ OP 5 and 6 of Resolution 2 of UNFF10 and paragraph 2 of its annex- Please see:

<http://daccess-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N13/321/90/PDF/N1332190.pdf?OpenElement>

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Section A: Full range of options for the IAF

A.1 Please select (with X in front of the options below) and explain the preferred option for the future of the IAF:

- A legally binding instrument on all types of forests
- Strengthening of the current IAF
- Continuation of the current IAF
- Other options (please describe) -
- _____

Section B: Performance of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) and its processes since 2000, and future options for UNFF

B.1 Please explain if you consider the current UNFF structure and its biennial sessions as sufficient to take necessary actions and to provide policy advice and guidance on all issues related to all types of forests and at all levels: Not so sure, but we consider that is sufficient.

B.2 Please describe the UNFF's performance and list its key achievements in implementing its principal functions, as stated in ECOSOC resolutions 2000/35 and 2006/49⁴: The UNFF has had some progress towards achieving or implementing its principal functions, but less than what was hoped. Its key achievements are attached with the strengthening of political commitment and action at all levels for the implementation of sustainable forest management and the global objectives on forests, by providing of the framework for international cooperation on forest and for national action under the principles of Non-legally Binding Instruments (NLBI) on all types forest.

⁴ Please see these documents at:

- http://www.un.org/esa/forests/pdf/2000_35_E.pdf
- http://www.un.org/esa/forests/pdf/iaf/2006_49_E.pdf

B.3 Please provide your view on the future options for the UNFF: The major challenge confronting the performance of UNFF is the fulfilment of its mandate, is the declining on raising new and increased financial resources to support sustainable forest management and to reverse the loss on forest cover. Any future options for the UNFF must ensure the generation predictable and appropriate financial resources from all sources, to support the implementation of SFM and the NLBI in the developing african countries , as wellas in the small developing islands.

B.4 Please describe the potential roles for UNFF in implementing the UN post-2015 development agenda and the SDGs: We fell that the potential role UNFF could play, will depend on its ability to mobilize political, financial, scientific and technical support for SFM , and built on the rich experiences and lessons learned from the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals and thus, translating the global forest commitments into action.

B.5 Please describe the role and impact of Country-Led Initiatives and ad hoc expert groups in the work of the UNFF: Although SFM is a challenge of a global concern, many of the solutions are found at the regional and local level. Country-Led Initiatives (CLI) and AHEGs plays a critical role to work of the UNFF in filling the gap between local expertise and successful initiatives and international decision-making level. Therefore it is fundamental to empower them in order to have a prompt and effective response to the needs and priorities at international , regional and local levels.

B.6 Please indicate how effective you consider the engagement of major groups in the work of the UNFF and provide suggestions on their further engagement: we consider that the role and participation of MGS is inefficient, week and does not add substantive value to the work of the UNFF. Any improvement to its further engagement, should refer to the creation of a clear and formal mechanism of interaction with the UNFF in order to enhance its active participation in the processes that contributes to decision-making, planing and implementation of estrategic policies and programmes for SFM.

B.7 Please explain the role and impact of the International Year of Forests and the International Day of Forests in promoting greater awareness and strengthening political and public commitment for forests: The celebration of international yaer of forest-2011 and the international day of forest has helped to increase existing awareness on the environmental and economic importance of forests and its contribution to social development and food secutity, through sustainable provision of services, employment, incomes, comodities, including poverty alleviation. In organizing events and activities to celebrate the year and day, counties have contributed to the global platform for sharing information and success stories and best pratices on SFM.

Section C: The Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests (Forest Instrument) and the four Global Objectives on Forests (GOFs)

C.1 Please indicate progress in the implementation of the forest instrument:

- Adequate
 Inadequate
 Not sure

C.2 Please provide suggestions on how to improve progress:

C.3 Please indicate progress in achieving the GOFs:

	Adequate	Inadequate	Not sure
GOF1:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GOF2:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GOF3:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GOF4:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.4 Please provide suggestions on how to improve progress: With regard to GOF1, we consider that progress can be improved supporting afforestation and reforestation actions or activities in the developing countries of Africa and South America regions, where the deforestation rate and loss of forest cover is high. Others GOFs, we are not sure on the way to improve progress.

C.5 Please explain how implementation of the forest instrument has contributed to the implementation of forest-related international conventions, and vice versa: Not sure

C.6 Please describe how the forest instrument and the GOFs can contribute to the post-2015 UN development agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals: Not sure

Section D: The Forum's Secretariat

D.1 Please indicate if you consider the structure, human and financial resources of the compact Secretariat of the UNFF adequate to fulfill its mandates:

- Adequate
 Inadequate
 Not sure

Additional explanation: Concerning the financial resources, it obviously that are not sufficient or inadequate for the Secretariat to carry out its job. But with regard to the structure and human resources, we are not sure. Seem to be there is surplus of human resources in the Secretariat for the job that is supposed to be done.

D.2 Please provide suggestion(s) on strengthening the Secretariat of the Forum to enable it to fulfill its functions more effectively: It is imperative that the Secretariat reduce unnecessary expenditure and bureaucratic inefficiencies.

D.3 Please provide suggestion(s) on how the Forum Secretariat's role, as a CPF member and as CPF secretariat, should be strengthened: Not sure

Section E: CPF and CPF Member Organizations

E.1 Please explain the impacts and sufficiency of the programs and actions taken by CPF and CPF member organizations in implementing resolutions and supporting the work of UNFF since its inception: Not sure

E.2 Please describe how the CPF and its member organizations can further contribute to the work of the UNFF, and how to ensure availability of necessary resources for its activities in support of the work of the Forum: Not sure

Section F: Financing options and strategies

F.1 Please provide views on financing options and strategies, including the creation of a voluntary Global Forest Fund, to generate resources from all sources for sustainable management of all types of forests and trees outside forests: Mobilize financial contribution from all resources including voluntary contributions of the private sector and the reation of a Voluntary Global Forest Fund, in order to make available predictable and sufficient financial resources to the developing countries. This should followed by the identification and strengthening of other financing opportunities at national level, including the creation of independent National Forest Funds (NFF), using the combination of approaches to feed it

F.2 Please suggest concrete steps that UNFF, CPF members and other organizations should undertake to develop forest financing options: Not sure