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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Tunisia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) and has the honor to convey, herewith, the views and proposals of the Tunisian Authorities on the International Arrangement on Forests.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Tunisia to the United Nations has the honor to convey that Mr. Sassi Day will represent Tunisia in the Workshop on the International Arrangement on Forests to be held in Vienna, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Tunisia to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) the expression of its highest consideration. ٩١١٤



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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  
July 2013**

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.<sup>1</sup>
2. In preparation for UNFF11 in 2015, the Forum has made a number of decisions during the last fourteen years.<sup>2</sup> 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 IAF<sup>3</sup>.
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](mailto:unff@un.org), with copy to Mr. Hossein Moeini-Meybodi at: [moeini-meybodi@un.org](mailto:moeini-meybodi@un.org), and Ms. Thida Sam at: [sam2@un.org](mailto:sam2@un.org). All inputs should be sent to the UNFF Secretariat by **30 October 2013**.

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<sup>1</sup> 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>

<sup>2</sup> 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)

<sup>3</sup> 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>

**Format for Soliciting Views and Proposals on the International Arrangement on Forests (IAF)  
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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) -  
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**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: Non, la structure actuelle de l'UNFF et ses sessions biennuelles sont insuffisantes pour prendre les mesures adéquates et fournir les conseils politique et technique à tous les problèmes et questions liés à la gestion de tous types de forêts dans le Monde.

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 2006/49<sup>4</sup>: La performance essentielle de l'UNFF est de servir comme forum international permettant de soulever et discuter les problèmes majeurs du secteur forestier et les questions intersectorielles connexes (pauvreté, changement climatique, développement durable, économie verte, etc.). Les principales réalisations sont:

- Adoption et appui à la mise en oeuvre des propositions d'actions IPF/IFF
- Appui à la formulation et mise en oeuvre des programmes forestiers nationaux,
- Réflexion sur l'instrument juridique international sur les forêts

<sup>4</sup> Please see these documents at:

- [http://www.un.org/esa/forests/pdf/2000\\_35\\_E.pdf](http://www.un.org/esa/forests/pdf/2000_35_E.pdf)
- [http://www.un.org/esa/forests/pdf/iaf/2006\\_49\\_E.pdf](http://www.un.org/esa/forests/pdf/iaf/2006_49_E.pdf)

- Etude sur les possibilités du financement durable du secteur des forêts.

B.3 Please provide your view on the future options for the UNFF: - Mettre les moyens pour la mise en oeuvre de la gestion durable des forêts; notamment la mise en place d'un fond forestier international.

- Developper et instaurer une convention spécifique ou arrangement international sur les forêts.

B.4 Please describe the potential roles for UNFF in implementing the UN post-2015 development agenda and the SDGs: - Faire valoir le rôle du secteur forestier dans la mise en oeuvre de l'agenda de developpement de l'UN post-2015 et les objectifs de developpement durable,

- Mettre en exergue la contribution du secteur des forêts à la sécurité alimentaire et la nutrition.

B.5 Please describe the role and impact of Country-Led Initiatives and ad hoc expert groups in the work of the UNFF: Etudier des questions majeures liées à la gestion durable de tous types de forêts et faciliter la discussion et la prise de resolutions.

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: L'engagement actuel des groupes majeurs est varié et à titre volontaire. La mise en place d'un instrument juridique international est de nature à améliorer l'engagement des divers parties dans le travail de l'UNFF pour la gestion durable de tous types de forêts.

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: Ces deux evenements constituent des opportunités pour discuter les différentes questions liées au secteur des forêts et pour renforcer les efforts pour une meilleure sensibilisation des décideurs et du grand public pour la préservation et le développement des ressources forestières; notamment à travers des journées et des camapagnes de reboisement.

### **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: Développement d'un instrument legal.

C.3 Please indicate progress in achieving the GOFs:

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

C.4 Please provide suggestions on how to improve progress: Développer des mécanismes nationaux et internationaux pour le financement durable des forêts

C.5 Please explain how implementation of the forest instrument has contributed to the implementation of forest-related international conventions, and vice versa: faible contribution vu que la mise en oeuvre de l'instrument forestier n'est pas obligatoire pour les pays.

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: La préservation, le développement et la gestion intégrée avec la participation des populations locales des ressources forestières permettraient le développement socio-économique durable et la préservation de l'environnement pour les générations actuelles et futures.

#### 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: Secretariat pas représentée à l'échelle régionale et nationale.

D.2 Please provide suggestion(s) on strengthening the Secretariat of the Forum to enable it to fulfill its functions more effectively: Étendre la structure du Secretariat à l'échelle des pays et régions.

D.3 Please provide suggestion(s) on how the Forum Secretariat's role, as a CPF member and as CPF secretariat, should be strengthened: Assurer plus de concertation avec la FAO en établissant des secretariats mixtes et de groupes de travail conjoints.

#### 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: Les impacts et l'efficience des programmes et actions du CPF restent insuffisants pour la mise en oeuvre du programme et des resolutions de l'UNFF.

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: Par la participation aux différentes réunions et sessions de l'UNFF, la coordination et l'organisation de manifestations et la mise en oeuvre d'activités conjointes CPF-UNFF

### **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: Ceci est possible à travers le développement d'un système de paiement des services environnementaux rendus par les forêts et l'ajustement des systèmes de comptabilité nationale dans pour tenir compte du concept de l'économie verte.

F.2 Please suggest concrete steps that UNFF, CPF members and other organizations should undertake to develop forest financing options: - Aider les pays à évaluer les biens et services rendus par le secteur forestier,  
- Inciter les pays à adopter des reformes institutionnelles; notamment les systèmes de comptabilité publique,  
- Aider à l'expérimentation et la vulgarisation des systèmes de paiement des services environnementaux rendus par les forêts,  
- Etablir un fond international pour le financement des forêts et activités forestières.