

**United Nations Forum on Forests
Bureau of the Fifth Session (UNFF 5 Bureau)**

Minutes of the Fifth meeting

Tuesday, 25 January 2004

7:30 – 6:30 PM (CST)

Hotel Presidente InterContinental, Guadalajara, Mexico

Participation

Bureau members: Mr. Manuel Rodríguez-Becerra (Chair), H.E. Mr. Rezlan Ishar Jenie and H.E. Mr. Denys Gauer

UNFF Secretariat: Mr. Jorge Illueca and Mr. Mahendra Joshi

Others: Mr. Hosny El-Lakany (Chair, CPF), Mr. Tri Tharyat (Permanent Mission of Indonesia), Ms. Andrea Alban (Co-chair of the Mexico-US County-led Initiative)

Mr. Manuel Rodríguez-Becerra chaired the meeting. The Bureau discussed and took decisions on the following points:

1. Planning for the fifth session of UNFF (16-27 May 2005)
2. Preparations for informal consultations on the preparations for UNFF5
3. Other business

1. Planning for the fifth session of UNFF (16-27 May 2005)

1.1 Division of work among the Bureau members

The following division of responsibility among the Bureau members was provisionally agreed:

Plenary sessions: Mr. Manuel Rodríguez-Becerra

Working Group 1:

1.2 High-level segment (HLS)

Mr. Jenie informed the bureau that the Minister for forests from Indonesia will participate in the HLS. He will also speak as a keynote speaker for the roundtable on forests, conflict and governance.

2. Preparations for informal consultations on the preparations for UNFF5

2.1 Chairman's non-paper

The Chairman decided to postpone the idea of presenting a non-paper on the critical issues confronting the fifth session. He informed that he will continue to consult with the Bureau members and participants at the Guadalajara CLI meeting and closely observe the developments this week and decide if such a non-paper is needed to advance the consultative process.

2.2 Letters to Permanent Missions on informal consultation meeting

The Bureau discussed about whether there was a need to convene an informal consultation as tentatively scheduled on

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