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Swiss proposal for the possible format, outline and content of

The 1st UNFF Strategic Plan 2017-2030:

Nota bene:

Borrowed from the format of the Strategic Plan 2016-2021 of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, adopted at COP12 in 2015, this document primarily demonstrates a possible structure of the UNFF Strategic Plan. Once there is agreement on the structure, the content would need to be further elaborated, amended, etc. Nevertheless, most of the present wording comes from existing texts such as the UNFF 11 Resolution on the International Arrangement on Forests, the Ministerial Declaration "The forests we want: beyond 2015", as well as the UN forest instrument.

The Mission of the UNFF (as an example)

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Rationale

A Vision for the 1st UNFF Strategic Plan (as an example)

“Forests are protected, sustainably used and restored and their services are recognized and valued by all”

Background

1. The United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF), a policy forum for the promotion of sustainable forest management, with its universal membership and comprehensive mandate, plays a vital role in addressing challenges and issues relating to forests in a holistic and integrated manner and in promoting policy coordination and cooperation to achieve the sustainable management of all types of forests and trees outside of forests. Its cooperation and synergies with regional and subregional organizations, as well other forest-related forums, in particular the Rio conventions initiatives and processes contribute to achieve sustainable forest management. This is also complemented by cooperation with major groups and other stakeholders.
2. The United Nations Forum on Forests, is part of the International Arrangement on Forests (IAF), which in addition to UNFF is composed by its Member States (MS), the secretariat of the Forum, the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network and the Trust Fund for the United Nations Forum on Forests
3. At the 11th session of the UNFF, it was decided that the Forum should develop a concise strategic plan for the period 2017-2030 to serve as a strategic framework to enhance the coherence of and guide and focus the work of the international arrangement on forests and its components.
- 4.6. The plan should be aligned with the objectives of the international arrangement on forests and should incorporate a mission and vision, the global objectives on forests and the forest-related aspects of the post-2015 development agenda, taking into account significant forest-related developments in other forums, as well as identify the roles of different actors and the framework for reviewing implementation, and outline a communication strategy to raise awareness of the work of the arrangement;
5. The strategic plan will be operationalized through quadrennial programmes of work that set out priority actions and resource needs, beginning with the period 2017-2020;
6. The concept of sustainable forest management is the key conce-9(0n-5(tr)-2)-6(l)5(5o0)-9(30)-0.atiw wi851(s

spanning more than 0.5 hectares with trees higher than five metres and a canopy cover of more than 10%, or trees able to reach those thresholds *in situ*; it does not include land that is

Increase Sustainability Managed Forests: Increase significantly the area of sustainably managed forests, including protected forests, and increase the proportion of forest products derived from sustainably managed forests.

Global Objective 4

Mobilize Financial Resources: Reverse the decline in official development assistance for sustainable forest management and mobilize significantly-increased new and additional financial

Priority Areas of Focus for UNFF 2017-2030

21. **Addressing drivers of deforestation and forest degradation**, including by strengthening forest governance through, inter alia, promoting secure land tenure rights and stakeholder participation.

31. **Communicating ecosystem functions and the ecosystem services forest provide to people and nature!** Mainstreaming forest values and enhancing the visibility of the forest in the public domain. (b) 25FFA/PTU-60 Td4 Td6

41. Support the work of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests as a strategy for improving coherence and synergy on forest issues at all levels and to promote the integration of sustainable

relevant international obligations, with a full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities at all relevant levels.

Target 8: The roles of forests goods and services and their benefits are widely demonstrated, documented and disseminated.

Target 9: Restoration is in progress in degraded forests, with priority to forests that are relevant for protecting soils, and water, conserving biodiversity, directly contributing to disaster risk reduction, livelihoods improvement and/or climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Operational Goal

Goal 3: Enhancing Implementation

Various approaches will help strengthen the implementation of the x Strategic Goals. They involve critical actions to be undertaken by all stakeholders either by their owner in partnership amongst a variety of stakeholders. Partnerships are essential with regard to scientific and technical advice and guidance, resource mobilization, public awareness, visibility and capacity building. The UNFF Secretariat will play a vital role in raising awareness and visibility of the IAF, as well as mobilizing resources to support enhanced implementation.

Target 10: Scientific guidance and technical methodologies at global and regional levels are developed on relevant topics and are available to policy makers and p26(of)-8yy3288(E)4(n)ay3288e-1

