



IAF MTR – Section F Implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests

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World Bank Expert Group Meeting on the UN Strategic Plan for Forests

Presentation Outline:

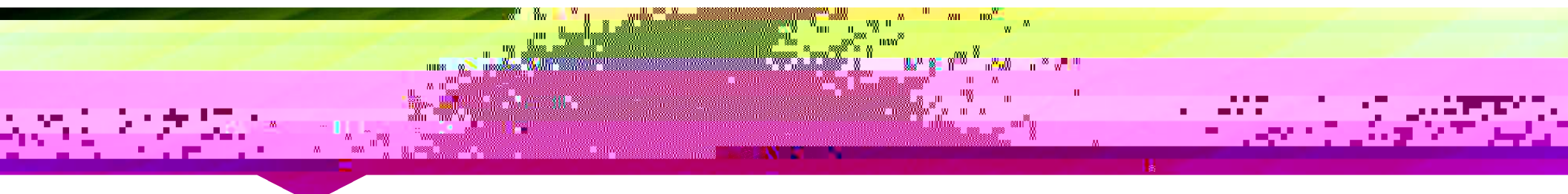
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Introduction: scope, methods and sources

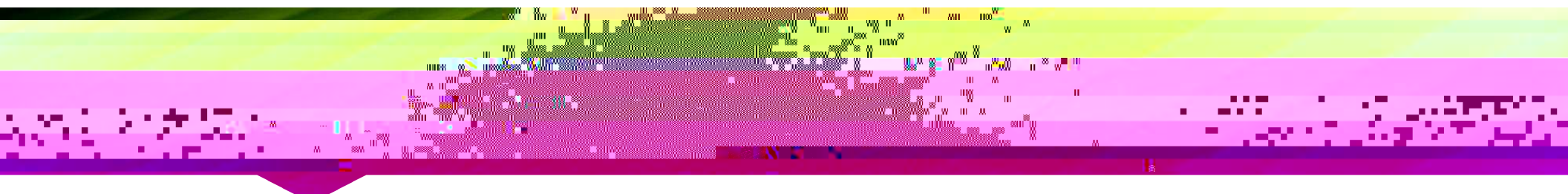
1. Scope of the paper: progress towards the Global Forest Goals and targets, notably the specific topics identified in section F of the resolution: challenges and constraints in implementing the " #SPF, preparation of voluntary national reports, timing of the reporting process and major issues of concern in the %&%&s.
- %. # of duplication of other parts of the mid-term review
- (. Sources:
 - Responses to consolidated)uestionnaire





Progress towards the Global Forest Goals
* for information on the goal, see the paper and the GFG
%&%1 report+

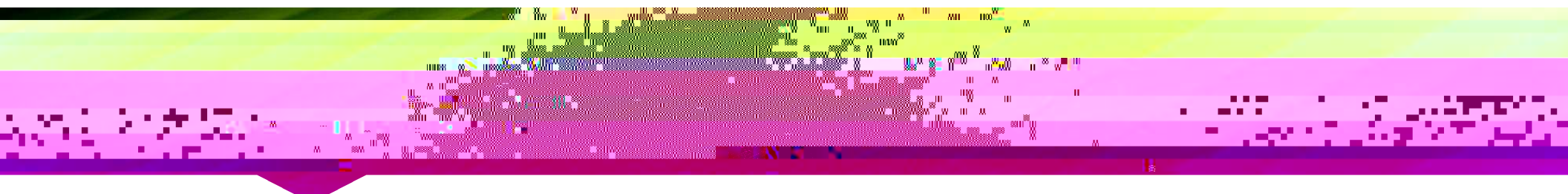




Significant actions since 2015

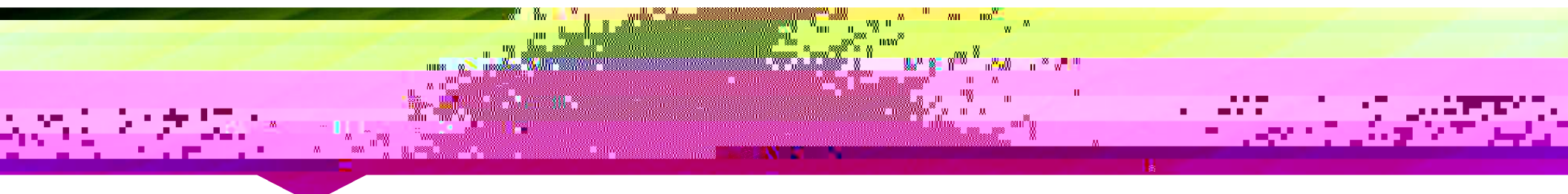
*, based on responses from 11 countries and one international organisation
revised or new forest strategies and programmes, in





Challenges and constraints in implementing " #SPF *selection,518(t) - 0 r41 (,)2 .6396ti1 (,





Improving reporting to the Forum



Lessons learned from the first round of 5#Rs

Key findings to reporting countries included opportunity to improve domestic communication, monitoring research and data availability, as well as forest assessment,

Challenges included capacity/resources, internal communication, data availability and the complexity of the reporting format,

The **Global Core Set** of forest related indicators helped to focus data collection efforts and avoid duplication in reporting.



Suggestions for improving the reporting process

Enhance capacity! at the **national** level: funding or data collection, coordination etc.

Improve process at the **international** level: visibility!, official channels, case studies, improved template, reduce administrative burden,

The Forum agreed to consider establishing an advisory group, taking into account the experience gained and lessons learned.



Timing of the reporting process

Two information flows for Global Forest Goals report:

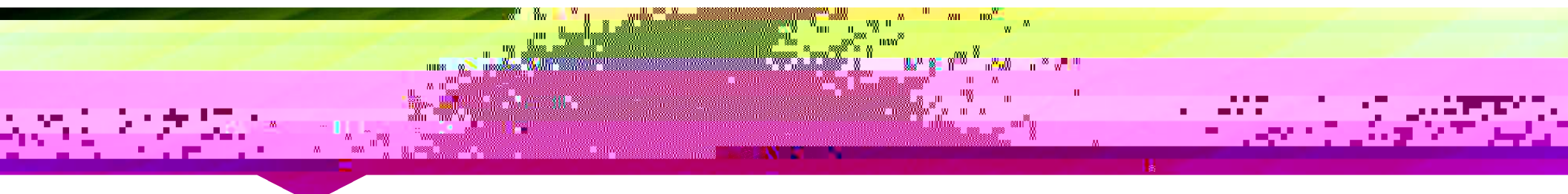
1. Actions by countries to implement " #SPF *5oluntar! #ational Reports+

2. Outcomes, preferably quantitative *F049FR0 ; also used for S.Gs+

To avoid duplication, GFG %&%1 used results of FR0 %&%&

Responses received to the consolidated questionnaire stressed the importance of avoiding duplication of effort and of





Conclusions

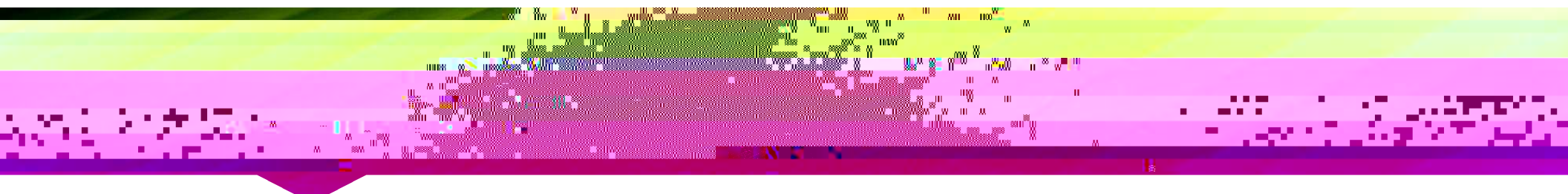


Conclusions on progress towards the Global Forest Goals

Measures are being taken to achieve nearly all of the goals and targets.

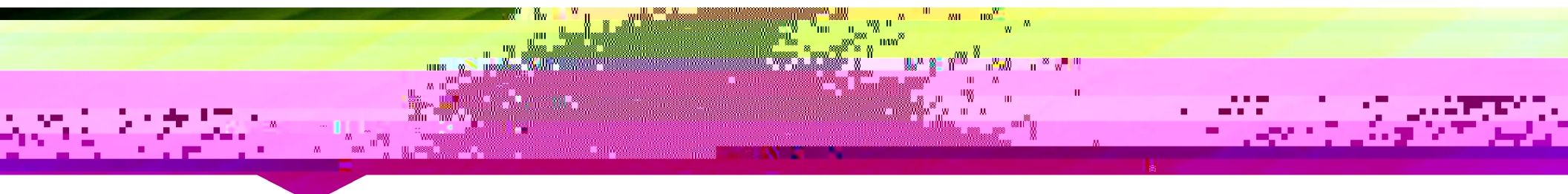
For some of the targets, quantified outcomes confirm that the measures taken are leading to progress towards the targets.





Conclusions on the reporting process





To improve the quality and quantity of voluntary national reports for the next reporting round, it is imperative to:

Continue and develop the programme of capacity building and



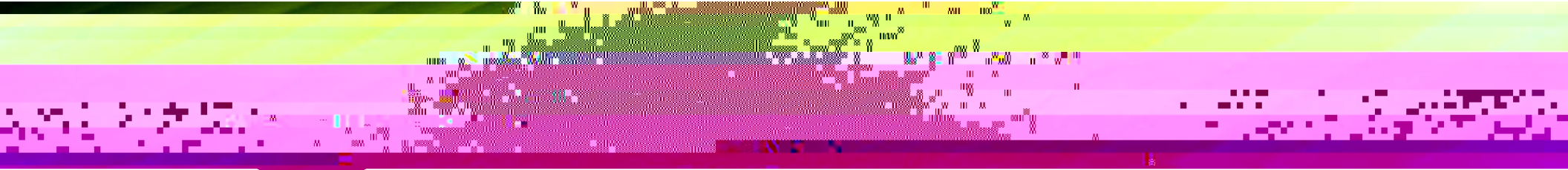
Recommendations b! the consultant



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1. Member states and the international community should continue to work together to implement the strategic plan and attach high priority to achieving the global forest goals and associated targets.
2. Member states and the international community should continue to work together to monitor and report on progress.
3. Flagship reports, along the lines of GFGR, should be produced at appropriate intervals, culminating in a final report to assess whether the global forest goals and





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Thank you!

