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Comments on the proposals made by members on the Non legally Binding Instrument (NLBI)

Korea Forest Service, on behalf of the Republic of Korea, would like to express comments on the proposals on NLBI made by members as follows:

1. Recognizing the importance of these Global Objectives, we believe that basically all indicative elements in the *Voluntary Instrument* should be developed based on the *Global Objectives* which are set at the UNFF-6. Most of the proposals seem to be rather too broad for purposes of implementing the Global Objectives, which might cause each member to have different expectations. Thus these proposals should be further clarified.
2. *Means of Implementation* are crucial to achieving the Global Objectives. We agree with the basic ideas regarding securing high-level political commitment, facilitating a better exchange of experience and good practice and promoting the transfer of technology to and capacity building especially in developing countries. However many proposals suggested broad means of implementation, especially for financial mechanisms, which do not seem practically applicable and in some ways overlap with one another. So these proposals should be fully discussed among members at the 7th session in order to draw internationally harmonized simple financial mechanisms to enhance effectiveness with respect to mobilization and utilization.
3. With respect to *Working Modalities*, even though specific MYPOW will be adopted at UNFF-7, the Modalities should be developed clearly and separately at all levels in a transparent and open-ended manner that allows all stakeholders to participate in the decision making process. We would also like to propose to strengthen collaboration among relevant regional organizations such as FAO regional office in order to effectively implement the Objectives, taking into account the special circumstances of the region and the common but differentiated responsibilities of countries.

And we emphasize that a specific time-bound schedule should be considered for not only achieving the Objectives but also conducting periodic Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting (MAR) of the implementation of the Objectives. Time-limited implementation of the Objectives and MAR should be performed on an incentive basis such as financial supports for the purpose of achieving the Objectives within the limited period.

Policies and measures should be developed clearly and separately at all levels, including the international, regional and national level. A country's commitments should be clearly identified based on the categories into which countries shall be classified by proportion of forest cover and loss during the last 10 years. Each category and their commitments shall be decided at UNFF-7.

4. We already set Global Objectives, deciding to go along with non-legally binding instrument (NLBI) on the management, conservation and sustainable development of all type of forests at UNFF-6. However, we need concrete ideas for the specific indicative elements of the Voluntary Instrument and ways of achieving the Global Objectives. And we are worried about how well the NLBI will function for SFM and we still have difficulty in understanding what our national commitment might be under the NLBI. In order to reach common understanding of the Voluntary Instrument, specific modalities for all levels that can be implemented within a limited timetable should be presented.