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## Chapter I

### **Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention**

#### **A. Draft decisions for adoption by the Council**

1. The United Nations Forum on Forests recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

##### **Draft decision I**

##### **Declaration of the High-Level Segment of the nineteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests**

The Economic and Social Council adopts the following declaration of the High-Level Segment of the nineteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests:

##### **Declaration of the High-Level Segment of the nineteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests**

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the following declaration of the high-level segment of the nineteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests:

##### **Declaration of the high-level segment of the nineteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests**

1. We, the ministers and other high-level representatives responsible for forests, gathered at the high-level segment of the nineteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests:

(a) Reaffirming the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030<sup>1</sup> as a global framework for action at all levels to protect and sustainably manage all types of forests and trees outside forests, to halt deforestation and forest degradation and contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development<sup>2</sup> and other international forest-related instruments, processes, commitments and goals;

(b) Recalling the principles set out in the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development,<sup>3</sup> and recalling also the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled “The future we want”;<sup>4</sup>

(c) Reaffirming the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which adopted a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets, the commitment to working tirelessly for the full implementation of the Agenda by 2030, the recognition that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, the commitment to achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions – economic, social and environmental – in a balanced and integrated

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<sup>1</sup> See General Assembly resolution [71/285](#).

<sup>2</sup> General Assembly resolution [70/1](#).

<sup>3</sup> *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3–14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex I.

<sup>4</sup> General Assembly resolution [66/288](#), annex.

manner and to building upon the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals and seeking to address their unfinished business;

(d) Recognizing that forests cover 30 per cent of the Earth's land area, or nearly 4 billion hectares, and are essential to human well-being, sustainable development and the health of the planet, and noting that an estimated 1.6 billion people, or 25 per cent of the global population, depend on forests for subsistence, livelihood, employment and income generation;

(e) Recognizing also the multiple values and contributions of forests and sustainable forest management to sustainable development in its three dimensions, as well as the myriad benefits provided by all types of forests and trees outside forests, their wood and non-wood products, their functions and services to the environment, health and well-being, and to socioeconomic development, poverty eradication, and employment, such as food security, clean water, provision of wood, fuel and fibre, climate change mitigation and adaptation, biodiversity conservation and restoration, prevention of land degradation and floods, and sand and dust storm mitigation, among others;

(f) Expressing deep concerns about the continued global trend in deforestation as well as the mutually reinforcing adverse impacts of climate change, desertification and land degradation, biodiversity loss, pollution and waste, while acknowledging efforts of countries in addressing deforestation;

(g) Noting that these trends and challenges have strongly hindered sustainable development gains and are further exacerbated by persistent levels of poverty, hunger, malnutrition and socioeconomic and gender inequalities, and have had negative impacts on forests and other natural resources, as well as human health and well-being, in particular in developing countries and on forest-dependent communities, Indigenous Peoples, local communities and people in vulnerable situations;

(h) Expressing deep concerns that, despite welcomed recent increases in forest finance pledges, there are persistent financial gaps to support the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of forest ecosystems, especially in developing countries, and stressing the urgent need to further support developing countries, in particular by facilitating access to existing resources and strengthening multilateral funding mechanisms in support of sustainable forest management;

(i) Recognizing that many Indigenous Peoples, local communities and forest-dependent communities rely on forests for their livelihood and have an important role in their stewardship, and therefore also recognizing the need to promote their full and meaningful participation in forest-related decision-making, contributing to better conserving and managing forests;

(j) Welcoming the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change<sup>5</sup> and the Paris Agreement,<sup>6</sup> the Convention on Biological Diversity<sup>7</sup> and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework adopted at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa<sup>8</sup> including the Land Degradation Neutrality Target Setting Programme, as well as the outcomes of the high-level political forum on sustainable development;

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<sup>5</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1771, No. 30822.

<sup>6</sup> Adopted under the UNFCCC in [FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1](#), decision 1/CP.21.

<sup>7</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1954, No. 33480.

(k) Emphasizing the continuous need to increase the visibility of the social, economic and environmental benefits of forests and sustainable forest management and place them as an important component of our responses to global challenges, and in this regard noting recent forest-related declarations, pledges and developments, including but not limited to the forest-relevant contributions of the Glasgow Leaders' Declaration on Forests and Land Use and the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021–2030);

(l) Recognizing that meeting both sustainable forest management objectives and the achievement of food security calls for strong cooperation in order to realize the global forest goals and sustainable development;

(m) Emphasizing the need to further accelerate the efforts and increase political commitment to achieve the global forest goals by 2030, while acknowledging the efforts and progress made by members of the Forum, its secretariat, the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and its member organizations, partners and major groups and other relevant stakeholders towards achieving the objectives of the international arrangement on forests and the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030 and its global forest goals.

2. We therefore commit to take urgent and accelerated actions to halt and reverse deforestation and forest degradation and prevent land degradation by 2030, while achieving sustainable development. To this end, we will strive:

(a) To address the threats to forests as well as the significant drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, including unsustainable practices across economic activities and unsustainable patterns of consumption and production;

(b) To accelerate the implementation of the United Nations forest instrument,<sup>9</sup> the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030 and the achievement of its global forest goals, to deliver on forest-related commitments, and to unlock the full potential of forests to contribute to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals;

(c) To work collaboratively to protect, conserve, sustainably manage and restore forests and forest ecosystems in line with the global forest goals and all relevant multilateral agreements and related processes, including through meaningful engagement with and supporting the contributions of partners and stakeholders, including forest owners, Indigenous Peoples, local communities, local authorities, the private sector, non-governmental organizations, women, children, youth, and scientific, academic and philanthropic organizations at all levels;

(d) To strengthen political engagement, cross-sectoral cooperation, coordination, coherence and synergies, as appropriate, and reduce fragmentation at all levels on issues related to all types of forests, by facilitating and encouraging partnerships among stakeholders, in particular within and among member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, in line with their respective mandates;

(e) To promote and raise global awareness of the substantial contribution of forests and sustainable forest management to social, economic and environmental aspects of sustainable development, to the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals, in particular to climate change mitigation and adaptation, and to the conservation of biodiversity, and advance cooperative actions to achieve global forest-related goals and targets;

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<sup>9</sup> See General Assembly resolutions [62/98](#) and [70/199](#).



(f) To adopt an integrated approach to wildland fire management, including early warning systems, to prevent, manage and address the negative impacts of extreme wildfires and related disasters, while recognizing ecological benefits of fire, through policy interventions and actions, harnessing science and technology and enhanced international and regional cooperation, as appropriate, and in this regard noting the Landscape Fire Governance Framework presented at the Eighth International Wildland Fire Conference in Porto, Portugal, in 2023;

(g) To strengthen collaboration across sectors and facilitate partnerships to promote sustainable forest-based bioeconomy approaches and restoration of ecosystems, contributing to improved livelihoods, including through building capacities of women, youth, Indigenous Peoples and local communities, underlining the need to ensure sustainable patterns of consumption and production;

(h) To effectively implement forest-related legislation, strengthen forest law enforcement as needed and promote good governance at all levels, as appropriate, to advance sustainable forest management, including forest conservation, in a manner supportive of local livelihoods, land tenure and user rights, in accordance with the national regulatory frameworks;

(i) To improve forest monitoring, assessment, reporting and information systems, in particular with the aim of increasing the availability of knowledge and data for scientific and evidence-based policy decisions and actions on forests, biodiversity, climate change, desertification, land degradation, and sand and dust storms, and further strengthening the reporting systems, in particular of developing countries, through enhanced international cooperation, including by strengthening capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation, and technology transfer partnerships on mutually agreed terms;

(j) To strengthen the provision and mobilization of and access to new and additional resources from all sources, given the importance of predictability for the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of forests, in particular developing countries, including through innovative mechanisms;

(k) To promote investment, innovative financing mechanisms, and scientific, technological and capacity-building support for efforts towards halting and reversing deforestation and forest degradation by 2030 in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication and to leave no one behind, including through results-based payments, positive incentives for the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of forests, and alternative policy approaches, and make this support accessible and attractive to stakeholders involved in sustainable forest management and use, including forest owners, smallholders, Indigenous Peoples, local communities, women and youth;

(l) To convey consistent messaging in the governing bodies of the member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests to promote achievement of the global forest goals and to advance implementation of national and international commitments to protect, restore, conserve and sustainably manage forests globally;

(m) To encourage members of the Forum in a position to do so to provide increased voluntary contributions and resources to the trust fund for the United Nations Forum on Forests to support activities of the Forum, its secretariat and the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network to accelerate achievement of the global forest goals and enhance the contribution of forests to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals and encourage members of the Forum to announce and update voluntary national contributions;

(n) To facilitate policy dialogues and information and scientific knowledge exchange at all levels on issues related to sustainable management of forests and trees

outside forests, including through sharing best practices, nature-based solutions, ecosystem-based approaches and other sustainable management and conservation approaches, in line with United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 5/5 of 2 March 2022,<sup>10</sup> and enhance communications and outreach to promote sustainable forest management, including for the sustainable production and use of timber and non-timber forest products;

(o) To protect and respect the traditional knowledge, tenure and rights of Indigenous Peoples and, where applicable, local communities, according to national legislation, when implementing actions to promote the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of forest ecosystems;

(p) To encourage members of the Forum to make use of Forum country-led initiatives in order to exchange experiences and develop new global forest goal-oriented solutions;

(q) To invite the high-level political forum on sustainable development to recognize the need for accelerated implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030 to effectively contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and other forest-related international commitments and agreements.

## **Draft decision II**

### **Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its nineteenth session and draft provisional agenda for its twentieth session**

The Economic and Social Council:

- (a) Takes note of the report of the Forum on its nineteenth session;<sup>11</sup>
- (b) Notes that the twentieth session of the Forum will be held at Headquarters from 5 to 9 May 2025;
- (c) Approves the provisional agenda for the twentieth session of the Forum as set out below:

#### **Draft provisional agenda for the twentieth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests**

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Technical discussions on the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030:
  - (a) Contributions of members of the Forum to implementing the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030:
    - (i) Report on the outcomes of the country-led initiatives;
    - (ii) New announcements of voluntary national contributions;
    - (iii) Updates on voluntary national contributions and their follow-up related to the thematic priorities;<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> [UNEP/EA.5/Res.5](#).

<sup>11</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2024, Supplement No. 22 (E/2024/42)*.

<sup>12</sup> In accordance with the programme of work of the Forum for the period 2025–2028, the thematic priorities for the twentieth and twenty-first sessions of the Forum, in 2025 and 2026, are global forest goals 1, 3 and 5.

- (b) Contributions of and enhanced cooperation with partners to achieving the thematic priorities:
    - (i) Contributions of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, its member organizations and the United Nations system to achieving the thematic priorities; progress on the workplan of the Partnership;
    - (ii) Contributions of regional and subregional organizations and processes to achieving the thematic priorities;
    - (iii) Contributions of major groups and other relevant stakeholders, including the private sector and philanthropic community, to achieving the thematic priorities; progress on major group workplans;
  - (c) Interlinkages between the global forest goals and targets and the Sustainable Development Goals under review by the high-level political forum on sustainable development in 2025 and 2026, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change<sup>13</sup> and the Paris Agreement,<sup>14</sup> the Convention on Biological Diversity<sup>15</sup> and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework adopted at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa,<sup>16</sup> including the Land Degradation Neutrality Target Setting Programme, and other international forest-related developments;
  - (d) Implementation of the communication and outreach strategy of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, including activities regarding the International Day of Forests 2025;
  - (e) Means of implementation, including operations and resources of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network;
  - (f) Monitoring, assessment, and reporting: voluntary national reports; capacity-building for reporting; global core set of forest-related indicators; next Global Forest Goals Report.
4. Progress in the implementation of the outcomes of the midterm review of the international arrangement on forests.
  5. Trust fund for the United Nations Forum on Forests.
  6. Emerging issues.
  7. Dates and venue of the twenty-first session of the Forum.
  8. Provisional agenda of the twenty-first session of the Forum.
  9. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its twentieth session.

<sup>13</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1771, No. 30822.

<sup>14</sup> Adopted under the UNFCCC in [FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1](#), decision 1/CP.21.

<sup>15</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

<sup>16</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1954, No. 33480.

## **B. Draft resolution for adoption by the Council**

2. The United Nations Forum on Forests recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

### **Outcome of the nineteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions [2015/33](#) of 22 July 2015 on the international arrangement on forests beyond 2015, [2020/14](#) of 17 July 2020 on the outcome of the fifteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, [2021/6](#) of 8 June 2021 on the programme of work of the Forum for the period 2022–2024 and [2022/17](#) of 21 July 2022 on the outcome of the seventeenth session of the Forum,

*Welcoming* the progress and achievement made by the Forum, its members and its secretariat, the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network, the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and its member organizations, regional and subregional partners, major groups and other relevant stakeholders towards the objectives of the international arrangement on forests,

### **I. Midterm review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests in achieving its objectives**

#### **A. Actions related to the United Nations Forum on Forests and its members**

1. *Invites* the United Nations Forum on Forests and its members:

(a) To strengthen international cooperation, including North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation, as well as public-private partnerships and cross-sectoral cooperation at all levels, to promote sustainable forest management;

(b) To strive to advance means of implementation, including new and additional financing from all sources for reversing the loss of forest cover, protecting and conserving forests, halting and reversing deforestation and forest degradation, restoring degraded forests, enhancing technological collaboration, sharing best practices, and scientific exchange at all levels;

(c) To involve political leaders and high-level officials in international forest-related decision-making processes to help to implement the United Nations forest instrument<sup>17</sup> and the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030<sup>18</sup> and achieve the global forest goals, and increase efforts to sustainably manage forests, and halt and reverse deforestation and forest degradation;

(d) To highlight the significant contributions of forests and trees outside forests in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular in relation to poverty eradication and food security;

(e) To promote inclusive and participatory decision-making modalities at the national and subnational levels to, inter alia, enable the effective engagement of Indigenous Peoples, local communities and other stakeholders, and promote gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls and mainstream a gender perspective in the implementation of sustainable forest management;

(f) To strengthen the implementation of forest-related national legislation and the provision and mobilization of means of implementation from all sources for

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<sup>17</sup> See General Assembly resolutions [62/98](#) and [70/199](#).

<sup>18</sup> See General Assembly resolution [71/285](#).

sustainable forest management and the achievement of the global forest goals, taking into account the specific challenges faced by developing countries;

(g) To enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence and synergies on forest-related issues at all levels to support implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change<sup>19</sup> and the Paris Agreement,<sup>20</sup> the Convention on Biological Diversity<sup>21</sup> and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework adopted at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa,<sup>22</sup> including the Land Degradation Neutrality Target Setting Programme, in line with their respective mandates;

(h) To promote science-policy dialogues to support science-based decision-making on forests at the local, national, regional and global levels;

(i) To promote the effective consideration of traditional knowledge of Indigenous Peoples as well as local communities in decision-making processes at the local, national, regional and global levels;

(j) To continue facilitating and catalysing access to technical, financial and scientific resources to strengthen the capacity of Forum members to implement sustainable forest management, considering, in particular, the specific challenges faced by developing countries;

## **B. Actions related to the secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests**

### **2. *Requests* the Forum secretariat:**

(a) To submit an information paper containing information on its workload, needs and gaps in advance of the twentieth session of the Forum, in 2025, for final consideration at its twenty-first session, in 2026;

(b) To continue to use a hybrid or virtual meeting format, whenever the logistical arrangement is possible, for sharing information with members of the Forum, members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, regional and subregional partners and major groups and other relevant stakeholders and briefing them on the work and preparations for Forum sessions during the intersessional period, taking into full account the need for inclusivity and transparency for virtual meetings;

(c) To facilitate greater cooperation, coordination, coherence and synergies, and engage technical and financial organizations and other international cooperation mechanisms to enhance the implementation of sustainable forest management and the contribution of forests to address climate change, desertification, land degradation, biodiversity loss, pollution, water scarcity, poverty and food insecurity, among others, considering different national circumstances and the relevant mandates of those organizations;

(d) To improve and regularly share information with Forum national focal points, and permanent missions in New York, through effective communication tools, to inform them of its activities and raise awareness of the multiple economic, social and environmental values and benefits of forests;

(e) To share information with Forum members and partners about changes, accomplishments, as well as challenges affecting the implementation of the United

<sup>19</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1771, No. 30822.

<sup>20</sup> Adopted under the UNFCCC in [FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1](#), decision 1/CP.21.

<sup>21</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

<sup>22</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1954, No. 33480.

Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030 and achievement of the global forest goals;

(f) To maximize participation in and efficiency and value of Forum sessions and other meetings by effective allocation of time, resources, facilitation and agenda development, including use of innovative approaches, as feasible;

(g) To report to the Forum at each session on the progress made on the actions that the Forum secretariat has been invited to undertake;

3. *Invites* the General Assembly, following the discussion at the twenty-first session of the Forum, in 2026, to consider appropriate resourcing of the Forum secretariat to perform its responsibilities and mandates in an efficient, effective and sustainable manner;

### **C. Actions related to the Collaborative Partnership on Forests**

4. *Invites* the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and its member organizations:

(a) To continue to enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence and synergies, including through streamlining reporting and data-sharing, as appropriate, on sustainable forest management and their forest agendas in a holistic and integrated manner, through addressing the interlinkages of climate change, biodiversity loss, desertification and sand and dust storms, land degradation, pollution, drought, watershed management, poverty and food insecurity, among others, taking into account the respective mandates of its members;

(b) To consider focusing the workplan of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests on supporting the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030 and the achievement of its global forest goals, as well as other multilaterally agreed forest-related goals, with clear priorities, actions, joint activities, resources, outputs and indicators for assessing progress, and, in this respect, structure reports of the Partnership on its workplan to the Forum around the global forest goals;

(c) To regularly undertake assessments of its completed joint initiatives to identify challenges, successes, lessons learned and the contributions of the joint initiatives to the global forest goals, and share those assessments with its members, members of the Forum and other relevant stakeholders;

(d) To enhance interaction and communication, including through a hybrid format, with members of the Forum, regional and subregional partners, major groups and other relevant stakeholders on its activities by organizing short briefing meetings;

(e) To report to the Forum at each session on the progress made on actions that the Collaborative Partnership on Forests has been invited to undertake;

(f) To conduct an assessment of options to strengthen collaboration within the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and send consistent and supportive messages on the work of the Partnership to their respective governing bodies, and consider funding of the activities of the Partnership, as appropriate;

(g) To engage more actively in the work of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network;

5. *Invites*:

(a) The Forum and its Bureau to proactively reach out to the governing bodies of member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests to strengthen collaboration and support to the work of the Partnership;

(b) The governing bodies of the members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests to integrate the strategic plan, the global forest goals and associated targets into the plans and operational programmes of work of the members of the Partnership in accordance with their respective mandates and to take mutually beneficial decisions on strengthening the Partnership;

(c) Members of the Forum to support coordination and collaboration among national focal points of member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests;

6. *Encourages* non-United Nations members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, which may be better placed for receiving private sector and philanthropic contributions, to engage with those partners to generate support, including funding for the activities of the Partnership;

#### **D. Actions related to the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network**

7. *Invites* members of the Forum:

(a) To strive to strengthen the provision and mobilization of and access to new and additional resources from all sources, given the importance of predictability for the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of forests, in particular for developing countries, including through innovative mechanisms;

(b) To support effective realization of the global forest goals, particularly in developing countries, including through promoting, developing and using innovative financial mechanisms, including payments for ecosystem services, blended finance, and sustainable financing policies, as appropriate, recognizing the importance of improved enabling environments for finance and investment;

(c) To foster cooperation and public-private partnerships on science and technology in the forest sector, and engage sectors beyond the forest sector to unlock sustained finance and align financial flows to help to support forest conservation, restoration and sustainable use and management goals;

(d) To recognize, respect and protect forest tenure and/or user rights of both men and women, provide support and foster inclusivity in accessing forest financing, as appropriate, among others, for smallholders, Indigenous Peoples, local communities and the private sector when investing in sustainable forest management;

(e) To consider in national forest financing strategies the distinct needs and roles of different stakeholders;

(f) To use the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network clearing house website as a key source on forest financing, and share their lessons learned and best practices and success stories regarding forest financing for publishing on the clearing house website;

(g) To encourage and facilitate the exchange of experiences of Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network assistance to countries to develop national forest financing strategies, particularly financing mechanisms used, and the results achieved;

8. *Invites* members of the Forum in a position to do so, and others, to consider providing voluntary contributions to the trust fund for the United Nations Forum on Forests to scale up the activities of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network, including its clearing house on forest financing and staffing;

9. *Encourages* members of the Forum:

(a) To approach training in forest financing, including for halting and reversing deforestation and forest degradation and restoring degraded forests, and supporting the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of all types of forests, as a long-term commitment that benefits from staff consistency and the periodic renewal of skills;

(b) When requesting support from the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network to assist in facilitating their access to funding from various sources, such as the Adaptation Fund, the Green Climate Fund and the Global Environment Facility, to promote country ownership and enhance cooperation, including by engaging, as appropriate, with relevant implementing agencies or accredited entities and national focal points and national designated authorities;

10. *Requests* the Forum secretariat:

(a) To continue to update and maintain the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network clearing house website and publicize the clearing house “Forest Financing Quarterly Highlight” more widely and prominently on the website of the Forum;

(b) To make use of digital tools and innovative technologies, including artificial intelligence, to improve the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the activities of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network when feasible;

(c) To support members of the Forum, upon their request, to assist countries in mobilizing, gaining access to and enhancing the effective use of existing financial resources from all sources for sustainable forest management to enhance the achievement of the global forest goals and targets, in line with their national forest priorities;

(d) With a view to informing the Forum at each session of the role, functions and funding of the proposed office of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network in Beijing, to provide comprehensive written updates on the above-mentioned items, once agreed in line with the mandate of the Network;

11. *Invites* the relevant multilateral funds, institutions and their accredited entities such as the Global Environment Facility and the Green Climate Fund to enhance collaboration with the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network, as appropriate and in line with their respective mandates, as a means of supporting and facilitating countries’ access to forest financing;

13. *Encourages* members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests that are accredited to the financing institutions to continue cooperation with the Forum secretariat in supporting the work of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network, including in the facilitation and preparation of project proposals, and mobilization of resources to this end;

**E. Actions related to the trust fund for the United Nations Forum on Forests**

13. *Invites* members of the Forum in a position to do so:

(a) To provide sustainable and consistent voluntary funds to the trust fund to enable the Forum secretariat to perform its functions and activities in support of the work of the Forum, its members and its partners, including a balanced representation of developed and developing countries at Forum-related meetings;

(b) To explore options to attract further voluntary contributions to the trust fund;



**F. Actions related to the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030**

14. *Invites* members of the Forum:

(a) To accelerate implementation of the United Nations forest instrument and the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, attach high priority to achieving all the global forest goals and targets by 2030 and enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence and synergies with other forest-related multilateral environmental agreements and processes;

(b) To increase the visibility of voluntary national contributions<sup>23</sup> and sharing of successful sustainable forest management cases at all levels, including through online platforms and social networks;

(c) To enhance international cooperation to support the capacities of developing countries to monitor, assess and report on the implementation of the United Nations forest instrument and the strategic plan;

(d) To enhance intersectoral collaboration at the national level, as well as the contributions and roles of Indigenous Peoples, local communities, women, youth, major groups, the private sector and other relevant stakeholders in the implementation of the strategic plan and achieving its global forest goals;

15. *Endorses* the timeline for the next reporting cycle to the Forum for the period 2024–2026,<sup>24</sup> establishes the advisory group on reporting to the Forum, in accordance with the terms of reference contained in the note by the Secretariat to the Forum at its eighteenth session,<sup>25</sup> and decides to complete the work of the advisory group on reporting to the Forum in 2026;

16. *Takes note* of the amended format for national reporting, entrusts the Forum secretariat with finalizing the format, in close consultation with the advisory group on reporting to the Forum, and encourages Forum members to submit voluntary national reports using this format;

17. *Requests* the Forum secretariat:

(a) To disseminate relevant information among members regarding the preparation of voluntary national reports in a timely manner;

(b) Consult with the advisory group on reporting to the Forum to make use of information received in the next reporting cycle on the transparent development of a short, concise Global Forest Goals Report in close consultation with member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, within existing resources;

(c) Within existing resources, to conduct capacity-building activities, jointly with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other partners, on facilitating the exchange of information related to monitoring, assessment and reporting on the global forest goals and providing assistance in preparing their national reports, and innovative techniques, technology and knowledge management, utilizing virtual and hybrid means where feasible;

18. *Invites* the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and its member organizations:

<sup>23</sup> United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, paras. 30–32.

<sup>24</sup> Presented by the Forum secretariat at the expert group meeting held in Nairobi from 20 to 22 June 2023 (see [www.un.org/esa/forests/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Note-EGM-reporting-timeline-online-tool.pdf](http://www.un.org/esa/forests/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Note-EGM-reporting-timeline-online-tool.pdf)).

<sup>25</sup> E/CN.18/2023/5, annex.

- (a) To continue the ongoing work on the global core set of forest-related indicators, in particular all tier 3 indicators;
- (b) To further enhance coordination, streamline reporting and data-sharing activities, and make use of the existing global publications and reports on forests;
- (c) To organize a joint workshop on international reporting on forests for focal points of all relevant member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests to enhance cooperation, coordination, coherence and synergies, in line with their respective mandates, and reduce the reporting burden on countries;

**G. Actions related to the contributions of the Forum to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

19. *Invites* members of the Forum:

- (a) To consider the inclusion of forest experts in their delegations at the high-level political forum on sustainable development and to key meetings of the three Rio conventions<sup>26</sup> and other relevant international intergovernmental bodies as appropriate;
- (b) To enhance coordination, including among their respective national focal points for the Forum and the high-level political forum and with permanent missions in New York to highlight Sustainable Development Goal interlinkages in preparatory meetings and declarations of the high-level political forum;
- (c) To involve major groups and other relevant stakeholders in their voluntary national report and voluntary local report preparation processes, as appropriate;
- (d) To provide timely, concise and impactful input to the Bureau of the Forum to inform the Forum's message to the high-level political forum regarding the cluster of Sustainable Development Goals to be discussed at the session of the high-level political forum the following year;
- (e) To enhance coordination within Governments and deliver consistent targeted messages on forests and Sustainable Development Goal interlinkages across Economic and Social Council bodies, the Rio conventions, other member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and other relevant intergovernmental forums in which they participate, in line with national priorities, and in a manner consistent with relevant mandates;

20. *Invites* the Bureau of the Forum, in a transparent and inclusive manner, and in consultation with the respective regions and Forum members:

- (a) To continue to provide, with the support of the Forum secretariat, timely inputs to the high-level political forum on Sustainable Development Goal interlinkages on behalf of the Forum and focus extra effort on Sustainable Development Goals Summit years and the years during which Goal 15 is under review, and ensure that these inputs are concise, targeted and actionable in the form of "key messages" that can be inserted "as is" into declarations of the high-level political forum, with supporting text attached as needed;
- (b) To work closely with Forum focal points in capitals and the permanent missions in New York to help to ensure that the Forum's key messages are well reflected in declarations of the high-level political forum;

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<sup>26</sup> United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Convention on Biological Diversity and United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa.

(c) To engage with Forum members, major groups and other relevant stakeholders to take into account their views in the preparation of the input to the high-level political forum on behalf of the Forum;

21. *Requests* the Forum secretariat:

(a) To assist and facilitate the work of the Bureau of the Forum and Forum members with respect to paragraph 20 above;

(b) To continue to include in the documentation for sessions of the Forum a brief analysis of the extent to which Forum inputs were reflected in the high-level political forum declaration of the previous year;

(c) To engage early on with the Forum focal points of members conducting high-level political forum voluntary national reviews in a given year to encourage the highlighting of Sustainable Development Goal interlinkages;

(d) To enhance collaboration with the Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat and the secretariats of the United Nations regional economic commissions to inform forest-related intergovernmental inputs to the high-level political forum, including for their regional forums on sustainable development and regional voluntary national reporting workshops;

(e) To enhance collaboration on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals with the secretariats of the three Rio conventions and other relevant bodies and conventions on forest-related issues of mutual interest, in line with respective mandates;

(f) To prepare a concise report and/or targeted communication products suitable for a variety of audiences to highlight the contributions of forests to the Sustainable Development Goals under review each year, their interlinkages, especially those with Goal 15, and the critical importance of achieving target 15.b to fully realize these contributions, drawing on the Global Forest Resources Assessment, the Global Forest Goals Report and relevant scientific studies;

22. *Invites*:

(a) The Collaborative Partnership on Forests and its members to coordinate on “topline” key messages to the high-level political forum on forest interlinkages to the Sustainable Development Goals under review each year, including benefits of, and challenges and threats to, forests;

(b) Major groups and other relevant stakeholders to share Sustainable Development Goal interlinkages by engaging early on in their countries’ voluntary national report and voluntary local report preparation processes and working closely with the “organizing partners” of their corresponding high-level political forum stakeholder group in preparing inputs to the high-level political forum process;

(c) United Nations regional economic commissions to promote interlinkages between forests and the Sustainable Development Goals, both benefits and challenges, including through their regional forums on sustainable development;

23. *Invites* the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council, under the guidance of the President of the Council, to streamline and focus the annual template for intergovernmental inputs to the high-level political forum to facilitate concise, targeted and actionable inputs for inclusion in declarations of the high-level political forum;

**H. Actions related to the communication and outreach strategy of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030**

24. *Invites* Forum members, the Forum secretariat, the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and its members, regional and subregional organizations and major groups and other relevant stakeholders to continue their work in implementing the communication and outreach strategy of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, recognizing the importance of communication in actions related to education, awareness and advocacy, which cannot be reduced to the dissemination of information;

25. *Requests* the Forum secretariat:

(a) To strengthen cost-effective use of available resources and existing and emerging communication options, including innovative and interactive methods, such as collaborations with influencers, surveys and contests;

(b) To upgrade the structure and content of the Forum website, within existing resources;

(c) To develop a communication and outreach plan to set out its proposed short-term and medium-term activities in support of implementing the objectives, messages and communication channels for different audiences related to the communication and outreach strategy, together with metrics for monitoring and evaluation, and share this directly with members for inputs;

(d) To develop, with the support of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, short, sharp policy briefs on the thematic priorities of the Forum and continue its report on the global forest goals to highlight the benefits that forests and trees outside of forests bring for other global priorities and to raise awareness in sectors beyond forestry and among high-level decision makers;

(e) To make greater use of its convening power to widen participation in the Forum's high-level round tables to strengthen engagement beyond the forest sector;

(f) To prominently post the annual key messages from the Bureau of the Forum to the high-level political forum on the Forum home page and provide accompanying infographics and other relevant communication products;

(g) To develop communication products to raise awareness on the multiple social, economic and environmental values and benefits of forests in a balanced and integrated manner and on the important role of Indigenous Peoples, local communities, women and girls and people in vulnerable situations;

(h) To raise the visibility of the global forest goals by exploring the development of short, memorable titles, in consultation with members of the Forum, in a fully transparent and inclusive manner, for each of the six global forest goals, similar to those used for the Sustainable Development Goal icons;

(i) In coordination with members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and their existing educational and youth-oriented programmes, to promote educational and youth outreach activities, both formal and informal, to help younger generations to understand the multiple social, economic and environmental values and benefits of forests and trees outside forests and learn about the strategic plan and its global forest goals;

(j) To strengthen advocacy, for example by widening participation in the Forum's high-level round tables and other actions that help high-level decision makers and senior government officials to understand better the contribution that forests and trees can make towards achieving wider policy goals;

26. *Invites* members of the Forum to explore options for identification of effective sustainable forest-related projects and interventions that contribute to the implementation of the strategic plan and share them through communication materials;

27. *Encourages* members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests engaged in the Global Forest Education initiative and members of the Forum to make full use of the opportunities it presents to raise awareness of the importance of forests and trees outside forests, and the role of sustainable forest management, through elementary (primary) and secondary school curricula, as well as promoting forest-related studies at the tertiary level;

28. *Invites* regional and subregional organizations to consider the possibility of developing regional communication and outreach plans with messages that reflect regional priorities and needs regarding forests and sustainable forest management;

29. *Invites* major groups and other relevant stakeholders to continue to use their voices to highlight concerns and propose practical solutions to problems associated with forests;

#### **I. Actions related to the involvement of regional and subregional partners**

30. *Invites* regional and subregional partners:

(a) To sustain support to countries in their respective regions to prepare them for Forum and related sessions under other relevant conventions and frameworks;

(b) To pursue engagement of regional or subregional financial institutions, such as regional development and investment banks, to expand collaboration on issues related to forests and to attract funding for their forest-related activities and participation in relevant meetings;

(c) To explore options to organize regional and subregional partner-led initiatives to provide inputs to the Forum and implement regional, subregional and transboundary forestry initiatives leading to the achievement of the global forest goals;

(d) To consider incorporating the contribution to the global forest goals in their respective plans, programmes and strategies, as appropriate;

(e) To strengthen collaboration across sectors and facilitate partnerships to promote sustainable forest-based bioeconomy approaches and restoration of ecosystems, contributing to improved livelihoods, including through building capacities of women, youth, Indigenous Peoples and local communities, underlining the need to ensure sustainable patterns of consumption and production;

(f) To engage major groups and other relevant stakeholders in their forest-related activities;

31. *Invites* the Forum:

(a) To consider ways to enhance support to regional and subregional partners, such as United Nations regional economic commissions and forums, including by organizing capacity-development workshops on issues such as monitoring and reporting on the global forest goals and the Sustainable Development Goals, and training workshops on resource mobilization;

(b) To consider including in its technical sessions specific meetings for regions, on a rotating basis, to share their experiences and issues related to the implementation of the United Nations forest instrument and the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030;

(c) To engage more actively with regional financial institutions and development banks to build relationships and networking;

(d) To promote cross-regional collaboration and information-sharing on success stories and best practices on the implementation of the United Nations forest instrument, the strategic plan and the global forest goals and include regional perspectives in potential future issues of the Global Forest Goals Report;

(e) To promote interaction between relevant regional and subregional intergovernmental organizations with the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, major groups and other relevant stakeholders;

32. *Also invites* the Forum to enhance equitable representation of regional and subregional organizations from developing countries' regions in the work of the Forum;

33. *Further invites* the Forum to consider ways and means to enhance the ability of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network to cooperate with relevant intergovernmental regional and subregional organizations and their member countries, while respecting the guidelines and mandate of the Network;

34. *Requests* the Forum secretariat to continue collaboration with regional and subregional partners to better understand the needs of countries in those regions and identify actions to address the related gaps and problems;

**J. Actions related to the involvement of major groups and other relevant stakeholders**

35. *Invites* the Forum, the Forum secretariat and the Bureau of the Forum:

(a) To promote the engagement of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the work of the Forum;

(b) To use sessions of the Forum as a platform for the exchange of ideas and best practices on how stakeholders could better capture action opportunities from forest-related instruments, processes, commitments and goals and track the progress therein;

(c) To support countries with collecting data on best practices promoted by Indigenous Peoples, local communities, women and youth, on the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, including tree planting in line with sustainable forest management principles and ecosystem restoration;

(d) To consider organizing a capacity-building workshop, subject to funding availability, on fundraising for major groups and other relevant stakeholders to implement the strategic plan and achieve the global forest goals, ensuring equitable geographical representation;

36. *Invites* members of the Forum:

(a) To engage major groups and other relevant stakeholders in advancing sustainable forest management and sustainable forest-based bioeconomy approaches and restoration of ecosystems using a more holistic, multisectoral, livelihoods-oriented approach, underlining the need to ensure sustainable patterns of consumption and production;

(b) To include and consider the contribution of major groups and other stakeholders in all relevant forest-related instruments, processes, commitments and goals and Global Forest Goals Reports;

(c) To support major groups and other relevant stakeholders in mobilizing increased financial resources from all sources and at all levels to facilitate their engagement in the implementation of the strategic plan;

(d) To consider ways to facilitate initiatives led by major groups and other relevant stakeholders to prepare their inputs to the sessions of the Forum;

37. *Invites* the Collaborative Partnership on Forests to engage in dialogue and examine joint activities with major groups and other relevant stakeholders to promote the implementation of the strategic plan;

38. *Welcomes* the establishment of the international arrangement on forests major groups internal coordination mechanism for implementation of the strategic plan and interaction and participation in the Forum;

39. *Invites* major groups and other relevant stakeholders:

(a) To provide information regarding their existing internal coordination mechanism, and their suggestions and options for effectively improving their internal coordination, for consideration by the Forum;

(b) To use the sessions of the Forum and related intersessional events as opportunities to explore ways for retaining the practice of consultation within major groups and other relevant stakeholders, without compromising the pace of processes or action;

(c) To ensure that their internal coordination mechanism allows for a balanced representation of subject matter experts based on transparent and inclusive processes for effective participation in the Forum;

(d) To develop a joint strategy and update their workplans in support of both Forum policy dialogue and implementation of the strategic plan;

(e) To communicate their contributions to the strategic plan with their constituencies and the Forum;

(f) To seize opportunities and secure resources for dialogue or action, including generating new and additional funding for sustainable forest management by enhancing the visibility of its benefits in different global agendas;

(g) To facilitate the adequate and equitable representation of major groups and other stakeholders from developing countries, including from people in a vulnerable situation, in the work of the Forum;

(h) To explore means to promote partnership with the large-scale forest industry groups;

## **II. Quadrennial programme of work of the Forum for the period 2025–2028**

40. *Decides* to adopt the quadrennial programme of work of the Forum for the period 2025–2028, as contained in the annex to the present resolution.

**Annex**

**Quadrennial programme of work of the United Nations Forum on Forests for the period 2025–2028**

**General guidance<sup>27</sup>**

1. The quadrennial programmes of work of the United Nations Forum on Forests represent its contribution to implementing the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030 and achieving the global forest goals and associated targets and provide a framework for setting the agendas for annual sessions within the quadrennium.
2. The quadrennial programme of work of the Forum for the period 2025–2028 includes two thematically linked bienniums: 2025–2026 (twentieth and twenty-first sessions of the Forum) and 2027–2028 (twenty-second and twenty-third sessions). Thematic priorities for each biennium will be based on the global forest goals and targets, taking into account the programme of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and relevant international forest-related developments. The thematic priorities cover all six global forest goals, starting with goals 1, 3 and 5 for the first biennium and goals 2, 4 and 6 for the second biennium.
3. The twentieth and twenty-second sessions of the Forum in 2025 and 2027 will be technical sessions that will include an interactive exchange of experiences and lessons learned on thematic priorities among members of the Forum, the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and its member organizations, regional and subregional organizations and processes, and major groups and other relevant stakeholders. The interactive exchange will include consideration of the science-policy interface and cross-sectoral and emerging issues and will take into account youth, gender and regions perspectives.
4. The output of the twentieth and twenty-second sessions will be a concise Chair’s summary that may include proposals for consideration at the Forum’s policy sessions in 2026 and 2028. The tables below outline the general programme of work for the twentieth, twenty-first, twenty-second and twenty-third sessions of the Forum.

Table 1

**Twentieth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, 2025  
(technical session)**

1. Priorities in support of implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030: thematic priorities for the biennium 2025–2026 are global forest goals 1, 3 and 5
2. Other technical session items
  - (a) Contributions of members of the Forum to implementing the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030: progress in the implementation of the outcomes of the midterm review of the international arrangement on forests; report on the outcomes of the country-led initiatives; new announcements of voluntary national contributions; updates on voluntary national contributions and their follow-up related to the thematic priorities
  - (b) Contributions of and enhanced cooperation with partners to achieving the thematic priorities

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<sup>27</sup> The general guidance is similar to the agreed guidance by the Economic and Social Council on the programme of work of the Forum set out in paragraphs 1 to 4 of annex I to Council resolution [2020/14](#), with minor adjustments to reflect references to Forum sessions and related years.



- (i) Contributions of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, its member organizations and the United Nations system to achieving the thematic priorities; progress on the workplan of the Partnership
- (ii) Contributions of regional and subregional organizations and processes to achieving the thematic priorities
- (iii) Contributions of major groups and other relevant stakeholders, including the private sector and philanthropic community, to achieving the thematic priorities; progress on major group workplans
- (c) Interlinkages between the global forest goals and targets and the Sustainable Development Goals under review by the high-level political forum on sustainable development in 2025 and 2026, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change<sup>28</sup> and the Paris Agreement,<sup>29</sup> the Convention on Biological Diversity<sup>30</sup> and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework adopted at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa,<sup>31</sup> including the Land Degradation Neutrality Target Setting Programme, and other international forest-related developments
- (d) Implementation of the communication and outreach strategy of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, including activities regarding the International Day of Forests 2025
- (e) Means of implementation, including operations and resources of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network
- (f) Monitoring, assessment, and reporting: voluntary national reports; capacity-building for reporting; global core set of forest-related indicators; next Global Forest Goals Report
- 3. Forum trust fund
- 4. Emerging issues

Table 2

**Twenty-first session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, 2026  
(policy session)**

- 1. Priorities in support of implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030: thematic priorities for the biennium 2025–2026 are global forest goals 1, 3 and 5
- 2. Other policy session items and consideration of relevant proposals contained in the Chair’s summary from the twentieth session
  - (a) New announcements of voluntary national contributions
  - (b) Progress in the implementation of the outcomes of the midterm review of the international arrangement on forests

<sup>28</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1771, No. 30822.

<sup>29</sup> Adopted under the UNFCCC in [FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1](#), decision 1/CP.21.

<sup>30</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

<sup>31</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1954, No. 33480.

- (c) Report on the outcomes of the country-led initiatives
  - (d) Updates by stakeholders and partners on activities in support of the thematic priorities
    - (i) Collaborative Partnership on Forests and its workplan
    - (ii) Regional and subregional organizations and processes
    - (iii) Major groups and other relevant stakeholders, including the private sector and philanthropic community
  - (e) Interlinkages between the global forest goals and targets and the Sustainable Development Goals under review by the high-level political forum on sustainable development in 2026 and 2027, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change<sup>32</sup> and the Paris Agreement,<sup>33</sup> the Convention on Biological Diversity<sup>34</sup> and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework adopted at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa,<sup>35</sup> including the Land Degradation Neutrality Target Setting Programme, and other international forest-related developments
  - (f) Implementation of the communication and outreach strategy of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, including activities regarding the International Day of Forests 2026
  - (g) Means of implementation, including operations and resources of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network
  - (h) Monitoring, assessment and reporting: voluntary national reporting on progress in implementing the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, the United Nations forest instrument and voluntary national contributions
3. Forum trust fund
  4. Initial discussions on the final review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests in achieving its objectives
  5. Emerging issues

Table 3

**Twenty-second session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, 2027  
(technical session)**

1. Priorities in support of implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030: thematic priorities for the biennium 2027–2028 are global forest goals 2, 4 and 6
2. Other technical session items
  - (a) Contributions of members of the Forum to implementing the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030: progress in implementation of the outcomes of the midterm review of the

<sup>32</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1771, No. 30822.

<sup>33</sup> Adopted under the UNFCCC in [FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1](#), decision 1/CP.21.

<sup>34</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

<sup>35</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1954, No. 33480.

- international arrangement on forests; report on the outcomes of the country-led initiatives; new announcements of voluntary national contributions; updates on voluntary national contributions and their follow-up related to the thematic priorities
- (b) Contributions of and enhanced cooperation with partners to achieving the thematic priorities
    - (i) Contributions of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, its member organizations and the United Nations system to achieving the thematic priorities; progress on the workplan of the Partnership
    - (ii) Contributions of regional and subregional organizations and processes to achieving the thematic priorities
    - (iii) Contributions of major groups and other relevant stakeholders, including the private sector and philanthropic community, to achieving the thematic priorities; progress on major group workplans
  - (c) Interlinkages between the global forest goals and targets and the Sustainable Development Goals under review by the high-level political forum on sustainable development in 2027 and 2028, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change<sup>36</sup> and the Paris Agreement,<sup>37</sup> the Convention on Biological Diversity<sup>38</sup> and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework adopted at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa,<sup>39</sup> including the Land Degradation Neutrality Target Setting Programme, and other international forest-related developments
  - (d) Implementation of the communication and outreach strategy of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, including activities regarding the International Day of Forests 2027
  - (e) Means of implementation, including operations and resources of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network
  - (f) Monitoring, assessment and reporting: voluntary national reporting; global core set of forest-related indicators
- 3. Forum trust fund
  - 4. Emerging issues

Table 4

**Twenty-third session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, 2028  
(policy session)**

- 1. Priorities in support of implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030: thematic priorities for the biennium 2027–2028 are global forest goals 2, 4 and 6

<sup>36</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1771, No. 30822.

<sup>37</sup> Adopted under the UNFCCC in [FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1](#), decision 1/CP.21.

<sup>38</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

<sup>39</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1954, No. 33480.

2. Other policy session items and consideration of relevant proposals contained in the Chair's summary from the twenty-second session
  - (a) New announcements of voluntary national contributions
  - (b) Progress in the implementation of the outcomes of the midterm review of the international arrangement on forests
  - (c) Report on the outcomes of the country-led initiatives
  - (d) Updates by stakeholders and partners on activities in support of the thematic priorities
    - (i) Collaborative Partnership on Forests and its workplan
    - (ii) Regional and subregional organizations and processes
    - (iii) Major groups and other relevant stakeholders, including the private sector and philanthropic community
  - (e) Interlinkages between the global forest goals and targets and the Sustainable Development Goals under review by the high-level political forum on sustainable development in 2028 and 2029, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change<sup>40</sup> and the Paris Agreement,<sup>41</sup> the Convention on Biological Diversity<sup>42</sup> and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework adopted at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa,<sup>43</sup> including the Land Degradation Neutrality Target Setting Programme, and other international forest-related developments
  - (f) Implementation of the communication and outreach strategy of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, including activities regarding the International Day of Forests 2028
  - (g) Means of implementation, including operations and resources of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network
  - (h) Monitoring, assessment and reporting: voluntary national reporting on progress in implementing the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, the United Nations forest instrument and voluntary national contributions
3. Forum trust fund
4. Preparations for the final review in 2030 of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests in achieving its objectives
5. High-level segment
6. Adoption of the programme of work of the Forum for the biennium 2029–2030
7. Emerging issues

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<sup>40</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1771, No. 30822.

<sup>41</sup> Adopted under the UNFCCC in [FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1](#), decision 1/CP.21.

<sup>42</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

<sup>43</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1954, No. 33480.

## **C. Decision brought to the attention of the Council**

3. The following decision adopted by the United Nations Forum on Forests at its nineteenth session is brought to the attention of the Economic and Social Council:

### **Dates and venue of the twentieth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests**

The United Nations Forum on Forests, recalling Economic and Social Council resolution [2015/33](#) of 22 July 2015, decides that the twentieth session of the Forum shall be held at United Nations Headquarters from 5 to 9 May 2025.

## Chapter II

### **Policy discussions on the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030: activities in support of the thematic priorities for the biennium 2023–2024**

4. The Forum considered agenda item 3 and its sub-items (a) to (e) at its 1st meeting, on 6 May 2024. The Forum considered item 3 as a whole jointly with items 4 to 7 at that same meeting, and jointly with items 4, 5 and 7 at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 6 May. The Forum considered item 3 as a whole jointly with items 5 and 7 at its 3rd and 6th meetings, on 8 and 10 May. For its consideration of item 3 as a whole, the Forum had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretariat on the policy discussions on the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030: activities in support of the thematic priorities for the biennium 2023–2024 ([E/CN.18/2024/2](#));

(b) Note by the Secretariat on the policy discussions on the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030: activities in support of the thematic priorities for the biennium 2023–2024 – means of implementation, including operations and resources of the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network ([E/CN.18/2024/3](#));

(c) Note by the Secretariat on the policy discussions on the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030: activities in support of the thematic priorities for the biennium 2023–2024 – monitoring, assessment and reporting ([E/CN.18/2024/4](#));

(d) Letter dated 15 December 2023 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ([E/CN.18/2024/8](#))

5. At its 1st meeting, on 6 May, the Chair of the nineteenth session of the Forum, Zéphyrin Maniratanga (Burundi), and the Director of the Forum secretariat made statements.

6. At the same meeting, the Director of the Forum secretariat introduced the notes by the Secretariat under agenda items 3 to 7.

#### **Presentations on the outcome of the country-led initiative of India, on the outcome of the Major Group-led Initiative in Support of the United Nations Forum on Forests and on the Forest Model Act Initiative**

7. At its 1st meeting, on 6 May, the Forum heard presentations on (a) the outcome of the country-led initiative of India by the Inspector General of Forests in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change of India, Raghu Prasad; (b) the outcome of the Major Group-led Initiative in Support of the United Nations Forum on Forests by the interim Co-Chair of the Major Group Coordination Mechanism, Binsar Sihotang; and (c) the Forest Model Act Initiative by the Director of the Law Division of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Patricia Mbote, and the Principal Counsel and team leader on law and policy reform at the Asian Development Bank, Christina Pak.

#### **Panel discussion on “Valuing forest ecosystems in national policy and strategy”**

8. At its 1st meeting, on 6 May, the Forum held a panel discussion under agenda items 3, 4, 5 and 7.

9. Presentations were made by the Director of the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Stefan Schweinfest, and the Chief Economist at UNEP, Pushpam Kumar.

**General discussion of agenda items 3, 4, 5 and 7**

10. At its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 6 May, the Forum held a general discussion of agenda item 3 as a whole, jointly with items 4, 5 and 7. At its 1st meeting, the Forum heard statements by the representatives of Ukraine, the European Union, China, Cameroon, Mexico, Gabon, the Philippines, Germany, the Republic of Korea, the United States of America, Uruguay, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Republic of Moldova, Ghana, India, Costa Rica, Canada, Australia, Ecuador, Indonesia, Brazil, Armenia, Japan and New Zealand.

11. At its 2nd meeting, on 6 May, the Forum heard statements by the representatives of Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Argentina, Nepal, South Africa, Guatemala, Iraq, Colombia, Peru and Türkiye, as well as by the observers for the Holy See, the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization, the African Forest Forum and the Central African Forests Commission, and the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

**Action taken by the Forum**

12. At the 3rd meeting, on 8 May, under agenda item 3 as a whole, considered jointly with items 5 and 7, the co-facilitators appointed by the Chair of the Forum, Maureen Whelan (Canada) and Avhasoni Renny Madula (South Africa), provided an update on the informal consultations on the outcome of the nineteenth session of the Forum (the draft omnibus resolution).

13. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation and Brazil, to which the Chair of the Forum responded.

14. At its 6th meeting, on 10 May, also under agenda item 3 as a whole, considered jointly with items 5 and 7, the Forum adopted the draft resolution on the outcome of the nineteenth session of the Forum, as contained in an informal paper circulated in English only, subsequently issued as [E/CN.18/2024/L.2](#), and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for adoption (see chap. I, sect. B).

15. After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Canada.

## Chapter III

### Trust fund for the United Nations Forum on Forests

16. The Forum considered agenda item 4 jointly with items 3 as a whole, 5, 6 and 7 at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 6 May 2024, and also considered item 4 jointly with item 3 as a whole, 5 and 7 at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 6 May.

17. For its consideration of agenda item 4, the Forum had before it a note by the Secretariat on the trust fund for the United Nations Forum on Forests ([E/CN.18/2024/7](#)).

18. For the discussion on the consideration of agenda item 4 jointly with items 3 as a whole, 5, 6 and 7, and jointly with items 3 as a whole, 5 and 7, see paragraphs 5 to 11.



## Chapter IV

### **Midterm review in 2024 of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests in achieving its objectives**

19. The Forum considered agenda item 5 jointly with items 3 as a whole, 4, 6 and 7 at its 1st meeting, on 6 May 2024, and jointly with items 3 as a whole, 4 and 7 at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 6 May. The Forum considered item 5 jointly with items 3 as a whole and 7 at its 3rd and 6th meetings, on 8 and 10 May.

20. For its consideration of agenda item 5 jointly with item 7, the Forum had before it a note by the Secretariat on the midterm review in 2024 of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests in achieving its objectives and quadrennial programme of work of the Forum for the period 2025–2028 ([E/CN.18/2024/5](#)).

21. For the discussion on the consideration of agenda item 5 jointly with items 3 as a whole and 4 to 7, and jointly with items 3 as a whole, 4 and 7, see paragraphs 5 to 11.

## Chapter V

### **High-level segment, including a forest partnership forum with the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, non-governmental organizations and private sector chief executive officers**

22. The Forum considered agenda item 6 jointly with items 3 as a whole, 4, 5 and 7 at its 1st meeting, on 6 May 2024. The Forum considered item 6 at its 3rd to 6th meetings, from 8 to 10 May.
23. For the discussion on the consideration of agenda item 6 jointly with items 3 as a whole, 4, 5 and 7, see paragraphs 5 to 11.
24. For its consideration of agenda item 6, the Forum had before it a note by the Secretariat on the high-level segment, including a forest partnership forum with the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, non-governmental organizations and private sector chief executive officers ([E/CN.18/2024/6](#)).
25. At the 4th meeting, on 9 May, the high-level segment was opened by the Chair of the Forum, Zéphyrin Maniratanga (Burundi), who made a statement.
26. At the same meeting, the Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, Ivan Šimonović (Croatia), the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, the Director General of FAO and the President of the General Assembly, Dennis Francis, made opening remarks.
27. Also at the same meeting, the Director General of FAO, on behalf of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, announced the theme of “Forests and foods” for the International Day of Forests 2025.

### **High-level segment round table on “Forest-based solutions to the triple planetary crises: a focus on people, science, technology and finance”**

28. At its 4th meeting, on 9 May, the Forum held a high-level segment round table on “Forest-based solutions to the triple planetary crises: a focus on people, science, technology and finance”, chaired by the Chair of the Forum, Zéphyrin Maniratanga (Burundi), and moderated by the Assistant Deputy Minister of the Forest Service in the Ministry of Natural Resources of Canada, Glenn Hargrove, and the Permanent Representative of Guyana to the United Nations, Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett.
29. At the same meeting, statements were made by the State Secretary of the Ministry for Rural Affairs of Sweden (on behalf of the European Union), Dan Ericsson; the Minister of Environment of the Republic of Moldova, Sergiu Lazarencu; the Minister of Forest Conservation of Honduras, Luis Soliz; the Minister for Lands and Natural Resources of Ghana, Samuel Abu Jinapor; the Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability of Malaysia, Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad; the Minister of Water and Forests of Gabon, Maurice Ntossui Allogo; the Minister of Environment of Nigeria, Balarabe Abbas Lawal; the Minister of Water and Forestry of Côte d’Ivoire, Laurent Tchagba; the Minister of Environment and Climate Change of Qatar, Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al-Subaie; the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ève Bazaiba Masudi; the Minister of Natural Resources of Guyana, Vickram Bharrat; the Minister of Forest Economy of the Congo, Rosalie Matondo; Secretary of State of the Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests of Romania, Ionut-Sorin Banciu; the Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister of Food and Agriculture of Germany, Claudia Müller; the State Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of Norway, Wenche Westberg; the representative of the Russian Federation; the

Vice-Minister of Environment and Forestry of Indonesia, Alue Dohong; the First Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan, Asein Isaev; the Head of the State Forestry Agency and Vice-Minister of Ecology of Uzbekistan, Nizomidin Bakirov; and the representatives of the United States, Czechia, the Republic of Korea, China, Türkiye, the Philippines, Georgia, Japan, the United Kingdom, Morocco, Paraguay, Colombia, India, Portugal, Thailand, Saudi Arabia, Bhutan, Uruguay, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Brazil, Jamaica, Suriname, Nepal, Peru and the Syrian Arab Republic.

**High-level segment dialogue with Collaborative Partnership on Forests heads and Forum partners on “Achieving globally agreed goals on forests, climate change and biodiversity”**

30. At its 5th meeting, on 9 May, the Forum held a high-level segment dialogue with Collaborative Partnership on Forests heads and Forum partners on “Achieving globally agreed goals on forests, climate change and biodiversity”, chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Forum, İsmail Belen (Türkiye), and moderated by the Ambassador-at-large of Gabon responsible for climate, environment and sustainable development, Aurélie Flora Koumba-Pambo, and the Director of the Forestry Division of FAO, Wu Zhimin.

31. Presentations were given by the following panellists: Director General and Chief Operating Officer at the Center for International Forestry Research-World Agroforestry Centre, Robert Nasi; Secretary-General of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and Collaborative Partnership on Forests Vice-Chair, Ivonne Higuero; Executive Director of the International Tropical Timber Organization, Sheam Satkuru; President of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations, John Parrotta; Global Manager for Environment and Forests at the World Bank Group, Christian Peter; Justice at the Superior Tribunal de Justiça (National High Court of Brazil), Antonio Herman Benjamin; Convening Chair of the International Sustainable Forestry Coalition, David Brand; Vice Executive Director of the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization, Sunpil Jin; and Forest Director for European Union and International Affairs of the Federation of Swedish Family Forest Owners, Mia Crawford.

32. During the ensuing interactive discussion, statements were made by the representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union); the Minister of Forest Conservation of Honduras, Luis Soliz; the Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability of Malaysia, Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad; the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ève Bazaiba Masudi; the Minister of Environment of Nigeria, Balarabe Abbas Lawal; the Minister of Forest Economy of the Congo, Rosalie Matondo; the State Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of Norway, Wenche Westberg; the State Secretary of the Ministry for Rural Affairs of Sweden, Dan Ericsson; the Vice-Minister of Environment and Forestry of Indonesia, Alue Dohong; and the representatives of China, Türkiye, the Philippines, Georgia, Colombia, India, Jamaica, Suriname, Saudi Arabia, Peru, New Zealand, Algeria and France.

**Action taken by the Forum**

33. For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it the draft “Declaration of the high-level segment of the nineteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests”, as contained in an informal paper circulated in English only, subsequently issued as [E/CN.18/2024/L.1](#).

34. At the 3rd meeting, on 8 May, the co-facilitator appointed by the Chair of the Forum (Vice-Chair of the Forum (Czechia)), also on behalf of the other co-facilitator (Vice-Chair of the Forum (Costa Rica)), provided an update on the informal consultations on the declaration.

35. At the 6th meeting, on 10 May, the Forum adopted the draft declaration and recommended it for adoption by the Economic and Social Council (see chap. I, sect. A).
36. After the adoption of the draft declaration, statements were made by the representatives of the United States and the European Union.
37. At the same meeting, the Chair of the Forum made a statement.

## Chapter VI

### **Adoption of the quadrennial programme of work for the period 2025–2028, including consideration of priority actions and resource needs**

38. The Forum considered agenda item 7 jointly with items 3 as a whole and 4 to 6 at its 1st meeting, on 6 May 2024, and jointly with items 3 as a whole, 4 and 5 at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 6 May. The Forum considered item 7 jointly with items 3 as a whole and 5 at its 3rd and 6th meetings, on 8 and 10 May.

39. For its consideration of agenda item 7 jointly with item 5, the Forum had before it a note by the Secretariat on the midterm review in 2024 of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests in achieving its objectives and quadrennial programme of work of the Forum for the period 2025–2028 ([E/CN.18/2024/5](#)).

40. For the discussion on the consideration of agenda item 7 jointly with items 3 as a whole, and 4 to 6, see paragraphs 5 to 11.

## Chapter VII

### Dates and venue of the twentieth session of the Forum

41. The Forum considered agenda item 8 at its 6th meeting, on 10 May 2024. For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it a draft decision entitled “Proposed dates and venue of the twentieth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests” ([E/CN.18/2024/L.3](#)).

#### Action taken by the Forum

42. At its 6th meeting, on 10 May, the Forum adopted the draft decision (see chap. I, sect. C).

## Chapter VIII

### Provisional agenda for the twentieth session of the Forum

43. The Forum considered agenda item 9 at its 6th meeting, on 10 May 2024. For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it a document entitled “Draft provisional agenda of the twentieth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests”, as contained in an informal paper circulated in English only, subsequently issued as [E/CN.18/2024/L.4](#).

#### Action taken by the Forum

44. At its 6th meeting, on 10 May, the Forum adopted the provisional agenda for its twentieth session and recommended it for adoption by the Economic and Social Council (see chap. I, sect. A).

## Chapter IX

### **Adoption of the report of the Forum on its nineteenth session**

45. The Forum considered agenda item 10 at its 6th meeting, on 10 May 2024. For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it the draft report on its nineteenth session ([E/CN.18/2024/L.5](#)).

#### **Action taken by the Forum**

46. At the 6th meeting, on 10 May, the Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur (Türkiye) introduced the draft report. Subsequently, the Forum adopted the draft report and entrusted the Rapporteur with its finalization with the support of the secretariat, for submission to the Economic and Social Council at its 2024 session.



## Chapter X

### Organization of the session

#### A. Opening and duration of the session

47. The United Nations Forum on Forests held its nineteenth session at United Nations Headquarters from 6 to 10 May 2024. The Forum held six plenary meetings (1st to 6th).

48. At the 1st meeting, on 6 May, the Chair of the nineteenth session of the Forum, Zéphyrin Maniratanga (Burundi), opened the session.

#### B. Election of officers

49. The Bureau of the Forum at its nineteenth session was constituted of the following officers:

*Chair:*

Zéphyrin Maniratanga (Burundi),

*Vice-Chairs:*

Leticia Zamora Zumbado (Costa Rica)

Jaroslav Kubišta (Czechia),

Javad Momeni (Islamic Republic of Iran)

İsmail Belen (Türkiye) (Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur)

#### C. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

50. At its 1st meeting, on 6 May, the Forum adopted its provisional agenda for the session, as contained in document [E/CN.18/2024/1](#). The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Policy discussions on the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030:<sup>44</sup> activities in support of the thematic priorities for the biennium 2023–2024:
  - (a) Updates on the activities of members of the Forum, including new announcements of and updates on voluntary national contributions;
  - (b) Update on the activities of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and its member organizations and progress in the implementation of its workplan;
  - (c) Updates on the activities of regional and subregional organizations and processes;
  - (d) Updates on the activities of major groups and other relevant stakeholders, including the private sector and the philanthropic community, and progress in major group workplans;

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<sup>44</sup> In accordance with the general guidance provided in annex I to Economic and Social Council resolution 2020/14, the proposals contained in the Chair's summary of the discussions of the eighteenth session of the Forum will be submitted for consideration by the Forum at its nineteenth session, in 2024.

- (e) Interlinkages between the global forest goals and targets and the Sustainable Development Goals under review by the high-level political forum on sustainable development in 2024 and international forest-related developments.
- 4. Trust fund for the United Nations Forum on Forests.
- 5. Midterm review in 2024 of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests in achieving its objectives.
- 6. High-level segment, including a forest partnership forum with the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, non-governmental organizations and private sector chief executive officers.
- 7. Adoption of the quadrennial programme of work for the period 2025–2028, including consideration of priority actions and resource needs.
- 8. Dates and venue of the twentieth session of the Forum.
- 9. Provisional agenda of the twentieth session of the Forum.
- 10. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its nineteenth session.
- 51. Also at its 1st meeting, on 6 May, the Forum approved the provisional organization of work for the session, as contained in an informal paper circulated in English only, on the understanding that further adjustments would be made, if necessary, during the course of the session.
- 52. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the Russian Federation.

#### **D. Attendance**

- 53. In accordance with paragraph 4 of Economic and Social Council resolution [2000/35](#), the Forum is composed of all States Members of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies, with full and equal participation. The list of participants will be issued as document [E/CN.18/2024/INF/1](#).

#### **E. Documentation**

- 54. The documentation considered by the Forum at its nineteenth session is available on the website of the Forum ([www.un.org/esa/forests/forum/index.html](http://www.un.org/esa/forests/forum/index.html)).

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