Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 22 December 2015

[on the report of the Second Committee (A/70/472)]

70/199. United Nations forest instrument

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 2006/49 of 28 July 2006, in which the Council adopted the global objectives on forests with the timeline for review in 2015,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 62/98 of 17 December 2007, in which the Assembly adopted the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 2015/33 of 22 July 2015, entitled “International arrangement on forests beyond 2015”, adopted on the recommendation of the United Nations Forum on Forests at its eleventh session,

Taking note of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 2015 to the General Assembly,

Decides to extend the timeline of the global objectives on forests to 2030, in line with the timeline of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and to rename the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests the United Nations forest instrument, recognizing that the voluntary, non-binding character of the forest instrument, as set out in the principle embodied in paragraph 2 (a) of the instrument, remains unchanged.

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3 Resolution 70/1.