## United Nations Forum on Forests Bureau of the Sixth Session (UNFF 6 Bureau)

# Minutes of the fourth meeting

The UN Headquarters, DC 1 – 1235, New York 25 – 26 January 2006

#### Participation

**Bureau members:** H.E. Prof. Judith Mbula Bahemuka; Mr. Majdi Ramadan, Mr. Jose Antonio Doig and Mr. Franz Perrez. Mr. Tono Kruzic sent regrets and Ms. Irena Zubcevic from the Croatian Mission participated on his behalf.

**UNFF Secretariat:** Mr. Pekka Patosaari, Mr. Mahendra Joshi, Mr. Jorge Illueca, Mr. Peter Csoka, Ms. Njeri Kariuki and Ms. Barbara Tavora-Jainchil.

Secretary of the Forum: Ms. Vivian Pliner-Joseph

Others: Mr. Fredrick Matwang'a, Kenyan Mission

The agenda of the <u>fourth meeting</u> of the Bureau were the following:

2. Adoption of the minutes of the third meeting

the allocated funds by more than \$250,000. The Secretariat received generous contribution from a small number of donor countries but the difference between the demand and available resources was unsustainably big. The Bureau members would approach respective groups and encourage the members to contribute to the UNFF trust fund.

#### f. Major group participation

The Bureau expressed its desire and support to provide major group representatives adequate opportunities to contribute to the work of the session. The Chairman would chair the special side event organized by the major groups on Monday, 13 February 2006, and would also participate in the major group caucus on Sunday, 12 February 3006. The Bureau would encourage member States to actively attend the major group events.

#### g. Special events/side events

The Bureau expressed satisfaction at the arrangements made with the overall side events through out the two-weeks. The nine side events scheduled during the session represent diverse issues and stakeholders which were of prime relevance to the work of the Forum.

#### h. Press/Media

The Secretariat briefed the Bureau on the preparations for the press coverage and outreach activities during the session. Necessary arrangements with the Department of Public Information (DPI) and other related agencies are in place for press releases, interviews and radio/TV coverage.

## 5. The Collaborative Partnership on Forests

The Secretariat informed of the work of the Partnership and scheduled meetings, including those planned for plan mee3p2741094mapproeg tn6860.0284 the CPFiefed w (219eetand sta0e events) Tj 118.5 0 TD 0 Tc

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