

**Ukrainian remarks on the building blocks for the UN Strategic Plan for  
Forests 2017-2030**

We suggest further work on the basis of option 1.

Para 1 we propose to amend as follows: 'halt deforestation, restore degraded land and increase efforts to prevent forest degradation, promote the full set of measures of sustainable forest management including forest protection, reforestation, afforestation and rational forest use'

### *8. Chapter III, Part B*

We are elaborating the UN Strategic Plan up to 2030 but propose to approve targets only until 2020. Either we should prolong targets validity until 2030 or move them to the 4POW which will be valid until 2020. And in this case in 2020 we will be able to prolong targets validity or add something more relevant without changing the UN Strategic Plan itself. Keeping in mind above mentioned the second option is more suitable.

When considering interpretation of SDG targets in relation to forests it is worth to mentioned follows. Targets should be formulated in a way preventing repetition. We do not agree on targets 1.4 and 2.4 in current formulation. It is also required modifying interpretation of targets 4.4, 15.5. In 15.b it is advisable to add "as well as for countries with economies in transition."

We agree on adding targets related to achieving international agreements on forests, but these goals should be up to 2030, otherwise they should be removed to the 4POW.

### *9. Chapter IV on implementation, introduction and part A.*

In the first paragraph it should indicated that the UN Strategic Plan has been created framework to fulfill international agreements on forests.

Among other thing the UN Strategic Plan will fulfill the communication role which is required clear and understandable classification of presented information. In our opinion it is possible in two ways:

1) to work on the base of thematic areas and their clearly defined



## **Ukrainian remarks on the draft 4POW for 2017-2020 years**

### *1. General remarks.*

4POW as well as the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 will fulfill communication purposes. Therefore, the 4POW should include priorities for national / regional / global level for the next 4 years as part of the overall program. It is helpful to define/stress some priorities at the regional level (for example among others for arid regions or the Mediterranean region). Also we consider it appropriate to include in the 4POW the most relevant activities of CPF Members work and other forest related regional organizations and processes.

### *2. The structure of the document.*