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Comments of the Republic of Indonesia on the Compilation Text of Country Proposals on the Nonlegally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests

1. Recognizing the role of sustainable forest management in poverty reduction and development, Indonesia is of the view that the non-legally binding instrument (NLBI) on all types of forests should include reaffirmation of the need to enhance international cooperation through a global partnership with a view to achieving internationally agreed development goals including the Millennium Development Goals, as well as the benefits of forests towards poverty reduction.
2. Considering the broad spectrum of Multilateral Environmental Agreements particularly the Convention on Biological Diversity and other relevant international treaties that cut across forest issues, the NLBI should ensure that there is no overlapping in mandates.
3. A number of issues have already been addressed through the Convention on Biological Diversity including benefit sharing, a clearing house mechanism and invasive alien species. In this regard, Indonesia considers that these issues are more pertinent in the context of a legally binding instrument.
4. In terms of policies and measures in the implementation of the NLBI, Indonesia is of the view that the proposals to establish a peer review and reporting mechanism would demand the development of criteria and Indicators for monitoring, assessment and reporting. Moreover, the peer review mechanism should be voluntary in nature, requiring the agreement of the concerned country or countries involved.
5. It is also important to bear in mind that there are local issues that cannot be harmonized globally such as land tenure. Indonesia considers local issues should be under the national policy space.
6. In terms of the Multi-year Program of Work, it should be addressed in the framework of the implementation and objectives of NLBI.