

II. Proposal of Australia

Potential elements of a voluntary international instrument to support sustainable forest management

Summary

1. Purpose and preamble

Including an explanation of context and relationship to other instruments.

2. Adoption/endorsement

3. Principles and definitions

4. Strategic objectives/goals

Including reference to agreed international standards and objectives for sustainable forest management.

5. National policies

Policies and strategies that are relevant to, and adopted by, the participant country.

Including special requirements for developing countries/economies in transition; cross sectoral coordination; research.

6. Means of implementation and modalities

Including financial arrangements; international and regional cooperation; capacity-building; transfer of environmentally sound technologies; and involvement of major groups and relevant stakeholders.

Assumes institutional arrangements and governance are covered in the relevant Economic and Social Council resolution.

7. Process for assessment/monitoring/reporting

8. Process for information exchange/cooperation/peer review

9. Mechanism to review future effectiveness/renewal of the instrument