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POSITION PAPER

THE POSSIBILITY FOR A LEGALLY BINDING AGREEMENT ON FORESTS IN EUROPE

The Union of European Foresters (UEF), with 23 organizations in 19 countries, representing 80 000 foresters in Europe, is committed to act as a key stakeholder and expert advisor in the European forest sector.

European foresters and forestry workers have a firm understanding of their responsibilities for sustainable forest management and sustainable development. This relates to the managing and protection of nature and environment in their forest operations, including the protection of water quality, and also their awareness on the importance of the use of renewable resources from forests.

In economically challenging periods, forestry and forest industry face additional problems. In such times it is an important political task to ensure an efficient structure and qualified management of the forest sector. It is essential that the forest sector is now given a high political priority. Society cannot afford to lose any of the opportunities forests offer, such as a renewable resource and a unique environment for recreation and improving the quality of daily life of all people.

The Union of European Foresters (UEF) supports the idea of exploring the potential added value of and possible options for a legally binding agreement on forests in the pan-European region. Therefore, the commitment to strengthen good governance and law enforcement is very important because this will help combat the undermining of social standards; improve health and safety and contribute to the development of human resources needed for sustainable forest management.

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