

**United Nations Forum on Forests
Bureau of the Fifth Session (UNFF 5 Bureau)**

Minutes of the second meeting

Wednesday, 8 September 2004

12:00 – 3:00 PM New York Time (EST)

Participation

Bureau members: Mr. Manuel Rodríguez-Becerra (Chair), H.E. Mr. Denys Gauer, and H.E. Mr. Francis K. Butagira. Mr. Adam Crara

The third ad hoc expert group of UNFF on “consideration with a view to recommending the parameters of a mandate for developing a legal framework on all types of forests” in progress at the time of the bureau meeting in New York (7-10 September 2004). The Bureau members expressed satisfaction with the progress of the meeting, and hoped that the meeting would produce a valuable output that would facilitate the decision making process at UNFF 5 on the same subject. The Bureau members also agreed to remain active during the meeting to interact with experts, government delegates and other players, in preparations for UNFF 5.

4. Nomination of a Bureau member from the Asian Group

The nomination from Asian Group had not yet been made. The Bureau and Secretariat would continue to work for an early nomination of a representative from the Asian Group.

5. Other business

The Bureau members decided that the next Bureau meeting would be held in early December 2004 in New York. The exact date would be finalized after consultation for a most suitable date for all members.

The Chair of CPF, Mr. Hosny El-Lakany, briefed the Bureau members on the outcome of the recently held CPF meeting (6 September 2004) and assured the Bureau of the CPF members' commitment to support UNFF and its Secretariat. The Bureau expressed its appreciation to Mr. El-Lakany and CPF members for their excellent support to the work of UNFF.

Closing of the meeting

Mr. Manuel Rodríguez-Becerra expressed satisfaction with the discussion held at the meeting and thanked the members of the Bureau and the Secretariat, and concluded the meeting.