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B. Progress towards GOFs

1. Please describe actions taken by your organization and/or by other public and private organizations (e.g., government, NGOs, private sector, etc.) in your region/subregion to help achieve the following :

GOF1, "Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through sustainable forest management, including protection, restoration, afforestation and reforestation, and increase efforts to prevent forest degradation"

GOF2, "Enhance forest-based economic, social and environmental benefits, including by improving the livelihoods of forest dependent people"

GOF3, "Increase significantly the area of protected forests worldwide and other areas of sustainably managed forests, as well as the proportion of forest products from sustainably managed forests"

GOF4, "Reverse the decline in ODA for SFM and mobilize significantly increased, new and additional financial resources from all sources for the implementation of SFM"

2. Please provide additional information specific to your region/subregion on progress towards the achievement of the GOFs.

C. Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

1. Please describe studies or initiatives in your region that capture the contribution of forests to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the MDGs?
2. What indicators have been, or could be, used to assess the contribution of forests to the MDGs?
3. Please provide additional information specific to your regional/subregional on MDG forest- related work.

Section II: Characteristics of regional and sub-regional cooperation and partnerships

1. Please provide examples of how your region or sub-region is engaged in facilitating cooperation in sustainable forest management? These may include North-South,

2. What advances has your organization made in such areas of cooperation?
3. In which areas would your organization like to see stronger international cooperation?

Response on Section I: Progress towards the implementation of the forest instrument in the context of the overall theme of UNFF10 on “Forests and Economic Development”

A. Progress towards implementation of the forest instrument

FOREST EUROPE enhances the cooperation on forest policies in Europe under the leadership of ministers, and secures and promotes sustainable forest management with the aim of maintaining the multiple functions of forests crucial to society.

The policies on forests and sustainable forest management have been developed at the FOREST EUROPE ministerial process for more than 20 years. The FOREST EUROPE (Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe), launched in 1990, provides a regional policy framework on forests and forestry in Europe. It involves 46 European countries and the European Union as signatories and 40 international organizations as well as 14 countries from other regions as observers. Spain currently holds the chairmanship of FOREST EUROPE.

Ministers responsible for forests in Europe last met in the **Oslo Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe held on 14-16 June 2011 in Oslo, Norway**. The ministerial conference was Europe’s major contribution in the International Year of Forests embracing the entire continent. This huge European event was utilized to jointly position the continent’s forests in the countries and on the international political agenda and strengthen their long-term visibility and awareness about their crucial role.

The FOREST EUROPE Ministerial Conference Oslo 2011 was attended by ministers and high-level representatives from 42 FOREST EUROPE countries and the European Union, 6 observer countries from outside Europe and 29 international organizations. The member countries and the EU took political decisions of highest relevance for forest

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- *FOREST EUROPE observer countries and organizations can be found in:*

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