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Swiss comments on the last round of proposals on the content of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests under the United Nations Forum on Forests

The non legally binding instrument (nlbi) should not be a **weaker** copy and paste of the ECOSOC resolution or a duplication of the 1992 forest principles. It should not be a nearly identical document, with the scope of replacing the resolution.

The nlbi should be a part of the international arrangement on forests and therefore strengthen it. If it is necessary for the nlbi to take into account what was done before and be in full coherence with other instruments related to forests, it should build on and reflect the rich body of IPF and IFF proposals for action, but it should go further than wh-261.15To-ea of naka 6TD0c-0Twt thtablets,.e. havore addatevalueon. x-

timber products, direct and indirect values of forests versus other sectors, innovative financing mechanisms such as payments for ecosystem services, integration of forest in the accounting and green accounting in national and global economies and their contribution to GDP, transboundary dimension, definition of pertinent terms.