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(iv) Technical and scientific actions

(b) How do the actions listed above support the implementation of the United Nations forest instrument?

All actions listed above contribute to the improvement of SFM implementation

(c) What are the main challenges in achieving goal 1 in your country?

- *To develop the new "National Forest Programme of the SR" for period post 2020 in accordance with the relevant international and national forest related processes and policies;*
- *To ensure every year the sufficient financial resources for competent forestry institutions to adequately fulfil the tasks resulting from forest related policies and legislation in the context of promoting SFM;*
- *To ensure annual assessment of the implementation of relevant forest related policies and programmes, as well as regular 5-year complex assessment of the state and development of forests and forestry according to pan-European indicators of SFM, including drafting related recommendations.*
- *To develop and implement a proposal for a systematic and complex solution to the calamity situations in forests in protected areas and propose a related system of financing. Explanatory note: Because of the various reasons and obstacles (climate change, new nature conservation concepts,*

(d) If your Government has announced a voluntary national contribution or contributions relating to goal 1, please provide brief information, including target dates and the progress made thus far.

(e) Any additional comments on goal 1:

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2.1 Extreme poverty for all forest-dependent people is eradicated

2.2 Increase the access of small-scale forest enterprises, in particular in developing countries, to financial services, including affordable credit, and their integration into value chains and markets

2.3 The contribution of forests and trees to food security is significantly increased

2.4 The contribution of forest industry, other forest-based enterprises and forest ecosystem services to social, economic and environmental development, among other things, is significantly increased

⁵ Goal 2 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, targets 1.1, 1.4, 2.4, 4.4, 5.a, 6.6, 8.3, 9.3, 12.2, 12.5, 15.6 and 15.c of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Targets 4, 14 and 18, and are supported by paragraphs 6 (d)–(f), (h), (j), (p), (q), (t)–(p

(d) What are the main challenges in achieving goal 2 in your country?

(e) If your Government has announced a voluntary national contribution or contributions relating to goal 2, please provide brief information, including target dates and the progress made thus far.

(f) Any additional comments on goal 2:

(i) Legislative and policy actions

(ii) Institutional actions

List of actions:

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(iii) Financial actions

(iv) Technical and scientific actions

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(f) Any additional comments on goal 3:

The national network of protected areas includes large-scale protected areas such as national parks and protected landscape areas. It includes also several categories of small-scale protected areas. The total area of forest land in the nationally protected areas was 784,000 ha. NATURA 2000 network (i. e. protected areas designated pursuant to EU law) in Slovakia includes partially overlapping networks of Special Protection Areas and Sites of EU importance which includes at present 951 ths. ha of forest stands. The total area of NATURA 2000 sites in Slovakia is 1,463,000 ha. The overlap between NATURA 2000 network and the national network of protected areas is around 776 ths ha. NATURA 2000 network thus increases the area of forests under nature protection by approximately 578 ths ha.

The total growing stock in Slovakia is increasing. It reached 537.67 million m³ in 2017, an increase of 33.9% (136 million m³) against 1990 figures (according to results of the 2nd cycle of the National Forest Inventory and Monitoring (NFIM SR) 2015-2016). It can be said that, at present, due to the actual age composition of the forests in Slovakia, we have the historically highest growing stock at least over the last century. However, the volume of present growing stock is already at the culmination point. It is expected that in the coming years and decades the growing stock will decrease as a result of the gradual change in age composition of forests in Slovakia.

In 2017, the total supply of raw timber reached a volume of 9.36 million m³. The timber supplies has been gradually increasing in line with the development of volume of timber growing stock and timber felling over the past decades. The supplies of other forest products are rising too.

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- 4.1 Mobilize significant resources from all sources and at all levels to finance sustainable forest management and provide adequate incentives to developing countries to advance such management, including for conservation and reforestation
- 4.2 Forest-related financing from all sources at all levels, including public (national, bilateral, multilateral and triangular), private and philanthropic financing, is significantly increased
- 4.3 North-South, South-South, North-North and triangular cooperation and public-private partnerships on science, technology and innovation in the forest sector are significantly enhanced and increased
- 4.4 The number of countries that have developed and implemented forest financing strategies and have access to financing from all sources is significantly increased
- 4.5 The collection, availability and accessibility of forest-related information is improved through, for example, multidisciplinary scientific assessments

⁷ Goal 4 and its targets support and contribute to the achievement of, among other things, targets 12.a, 15.7, 15.a, 15.b, 17.1–17.3, 17.6, 17.7 and 17.16–17.19 of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Target 19, and are supported by paragraphs 6 (h), (i), (m), (r) and (s) and 7 (a)–(c) and (l)–(q) of the United Nations forest instrument.

4. (a) Please describe major actions taken in your country to move towards goal 4 and its associated targets. More detailed information on actions for each target may be supplied below.

Action relates to target 4.5:

National Inventory and Monitoring of Forests SR 2015-2016 (NIMF) was carried out. The NIMF provided objective information on the state of forests at a national level and in selected regions of Slovakia, as well as the real dynamics of changes over the past 10 years. The broad spectrum of collected data provides enough information not only about traditional forest indicators but also new, especially ecological ones.

(b) If your Government has announced a voluntary national contribution or contributions relating to goal 4, please provide brief information, including target dates and the progress made thus far.

In 2017, the Government announced a voluntary national contribution of 416 million EUR to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 4.5.1 target.

(c) Since 2015, has your country (the Government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) been able to mobilize significantly increased financial resources for the implementation of sustainable forest management?

Yes No

If yes, please specify the sources:

- Public domestic funding
- Private domestic funding
- Public international funding, including official development assistance
- Private international funding
- Blended financing

Please describe the main challenges in mobilizing funds in a maximum of 250 words:

If yes, what is the time frame for these strategies (multiple answers possible, if there is more than one strategy)?

- 2–5 years
- 5–10 years
- 10–20 years
- More than 20 years

Yes No

If yes, please specify in a maximum of 250 words:

(e) Have actions been taken by your Government to involve major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030?

Yes No

If yes, please specify in a maximum of 250 words:

7. (a) Since 2015, has your country taken action to promote gender equality in the forest sector?

Yes No

If yes, please indicate action taken with regard to the following:

- Women's effective access to the control and use of forest resources
- Women's effective participation in decision-making at the household and community levels
- Women's effective participation and representation in forest management institutions
- Other

Please provide a brief description:

(b) What action has been taken (by the Government, the private sector, communities, civil society or others) in your country in observance of the International Day of Forests?

- Cultural activities (for example, art, music, film and theatre)
- Educational activities (for example, workshops and symposiums)

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| 7. | 3. Forest health and vitality | Hectares | 3 | FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment | Measures progress towards target 1.3 of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030. Linkages with target 15.3 of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Target 15. Linkages to strategic objective 1 of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (2008–2018), and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change |
| 8. | 4. Productive function of forest resources | Tons per hectare | 1 | FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment | Measures progress towards target 15.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets 1.2 and 2.5 of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030, as well as Aichi Biodiversity Target 7. Subindicator of Sustainable Development Goal indicator 15.2.1 |
| 9. | 4. Productive function of forest resources | Cubic metres | 1 | ECE/FAO/International Tropical Timber Organization/Eurostat joint forest sector questionnaire | Measures progress towards target 2.4 of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030 |
| 10. | 4. Productive function of forest resources | Percentage | 2 | ECE and FAO | Linked to target 7.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals |

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| 17. | 7. Legal, policy and institutional framework | References | 1 | FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment | Measures progress towards target 4.5 of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030 |
| 18. | 7. Legal, policy and institutional framework | References | 1 | FAO Global Forest Resources Assessments | Measures progress towards target 4.5 of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030 |
| 19. | 7. Legal, policy and institutional framework | Percentage | 1 | FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment | Measures progress towards target 15.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals, targets 1.3 and 3.2 of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030 and Aichi Biodiversity Target 7. Subindicator of Sustainable Development Goal indicator 15.2.1 |
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