

## Civil Society statement on ENA-FLEG Follow-up

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The NGO representatives to this ENA FLEG Ministerial Conference would like to express our congratulations to the governments concerned on the progress that has been made so far. We would like to express our gratitude for giving this opportunity to participate in this process.

**On a national level – and to re-emphasize yesterday's statement - we expect ALL participating countries to elaborate – in a participatory approach – a time bound package of national activities. This package should comprise clearly defined targets, activities and indicators of success. Governments should present progress on their national activities, as well as lessons learned, to the (insertion when information is available) future ENA FLEG meeting.**

- As an urgent priority, all participating governments should ensure all forest-related laws are consistent with good governance, sustainable and equitable forest management - and review and update those that are not.
- Governments should set up national taskforces to facilitate interagency and inter-sectoral cooperation for example involving customs and forest agencies, ministries of commerce, finance, environment and foreign affairs.
- We would like to emphasize that education and capacity building within all relevant government agencies, industry associations, forest owners, NGOs and other key stakeholders are necessary to ensure long-term success of the ENA-FLEG process.

### **On an international level**

- A formal and well-resourced multi-stakeholder structure should be established to ensure progress by national governments in implementing national action plans.
- An international information sharing mechanism should be established within one year to ensure documentation of progress and lessons-learned.
- Countries should greatly increase transparency of the timber trade, including improving the quality and consistency of timber trade information and data and make it publicly accessible.
- To achieve all the above, financial resources are needed. Governmental Aid Agencies and international donor agencies should support efforts by governments and Civil Society to implement commitments undertaken through the Ministerial Declaration.

We, as representatives of civil society, will be involved in the follow-up process of this conference in one way or another. An important milestone in this process is the 2006 G8 Summit in Russia. We urge Russia to keep illegal logging, related trade and associated corruption as a prioritized item on the G8 agenda. We expect G8 Governments to report on progress on ENA FLEG implementation to the 2006 G8 Summit.

And a closing reminder, currently, legal does not always mean sustainable and sustainable does not always mean legal.

Thank you for your attention.