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## **Report of the Special Session of the International Poplar Commission**

### ***OPENING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (Item 1)***

1. The Special Session of the International Poplar Commission was held on 19 July, at FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy.
2. The session was attended by Member Countries as presented in Annex II
3. Mr Martin Weih, Chairperson of the Commission opened the session. Eva Muller, Director Forestry Policy and Resources Division, welcomed participants
4. The Agenda (Annex I) was adopted.

### ***THE REFORM PROCESS (Item 2)***

5. The Chairperson recalled developments leading up to the Special Session and invited members to comment on the vote or the process before a vote by roll call.
6. Members then:
  - Noted their appreciation of the Secretariat's work on the International Poplar Commission's Reform;
  - Requested the vote on the proposed amendments to the Convention be postponed to allow time for countries for internal consultation;
  - Requested the Secretariat to provide a process and a platform (which platform could be electronic) to members for further consultations;
  - Agreed that after the consultation, a vote might be held at the seat of the Secretariat on the proposed amendments to the convention.
  - Requested the secretariat to expedite the process described above and arrange, in consultation with the Executive Committee, for a vote to be conducted on the most cost-efficient manner.

### ***Adoption of the Proposed Amendments to the IPC Convention (Item 3)***

7. The item was decided to be deferred to a later date to be established by the Director-General in consultation with the Executive Committee

### ***Closure of the Special Session (Item 4)***

8. The Chairperson closed the session at 14.30 hrs

## ANNEX I: Agenda of the 26<sup>th</sup> (Special) Session of the IPC



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| <b>INTERNATIONAL POPLAR COMMISSION</b> |
| <b>Special Session</b>                 |
| <b>Rome, 19 July 2018</b>              |
| <b>PROVISIONAL AGENDA</b>              |

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| 13.15-13.25 hrs | Item 1: Opening and adoption of the Agenda   |
|                 | Item 2: The Reform Process - Brief on the outcome of the 25th IPC Session and the proposal to amend the IPC Convention |
| 13.25-14.30 hrs | Item 3: Adoption of the Proposed Amendments to the IPC Convention (Vote)   |
| 14.30-14.45 hrs | Item 4: Closure of the Special Session   |

## Annex II: List of Participants

| Member Country | Country delegate(s) named   |
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| Argentina      | Esteban Borodowsky<br>Subsecretary of Forest Industry Development   |
| Belgium        | Monsieur Carl De Schepper<br>Agence Nature et Forêts du gouvernement flamand  |
| Canada         | Jennifer Fellows<br>Alternate Permanent Representative of Canada to FAO<br><br>Maureen Whelan<br>Manager, International Affairs, Trade and International Affairs Division<br><br>Christa Mooney<br>Policy Advisor, Trade and International Affairs Division   |
| Chile          | Tamara Villanueva<br>Alternate Representative<br>Permanent Representation of Chile to FAO   |
| China          | Lu Meng-Zhu,<br>Deputy Director of Research Institute of Forestry   |
| Czech Republic | Tomas Krejzar<br>Director of Department of Forest Policy and Economics  |
| Egypt          | Abdel Basit Ahmed Shalaby<br>Head of the Agricultural office in Rome  |
| France         | Catherine Rivoal<br>Chargée de mission au Bureau Entreprises forestières et industries du bois  |
| Germany        | Mirko Liesebach,<br>Thünen Institute of Forest Genetics, Grosshansdorf, Germany   |
| Hungary        | H.E. Kálmán Zoltán<br>Minister Plenipotentiary/ Permanent Representative of Hungary to the UN Food and Agriculture Agencies in Rome<br><br>András Szepesi<br>Forestry Officer, Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary<br><br>Dániel Komlós<br>Junior Environmental Protection Expert, Permanent Representation of Hungary to the UN Food and Agriculture Agencies in Rome |

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| India                    | <p>Saibal Dasgupta<br/>ADG (FC), MoEFCC, Govt of India</p> <p>Noyal Thomas<br/>IG (Forest policy) and National Focal Point for COFO, MoEFCC, Govt of India.</p> <p>G K Sinha<br/>PCCF Govt of Gujarat</p> |
| Ireland                  | <p>Cormac Fitzpatrick<br/>Assistant Principal, Forest Sector Development</p>  |
| Islamic Republic of Iran | <p>Khalil Aghae, Deputy Minister of Agriculture<br/>Kamran Pourmoghaddam, Head (a.i.) of the High Council for Forestry and Rangeland</p>  |
| Italy                    | <p>Alessandra Stefani<br/>Direttore Generale delle Foreste<br/>Grazia Abbruzzese<br/>Ufficio DIFOR III</p>  |
| Netherlands              | <p>Wierish Ramsoekh<br/>Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN Organisations in Rome</p>   |
| New Zealand              | <p>Anna Tyler<br/>International Environment Team, Ministry for Primary Industries,</p>  |
| Portugal                 | <p>Maria da Graça Moinhos Rato<br/>Forest Adviser<br/>Instituto da Conservação da Natureza e das Florestas, I.P. (ICNF)</p>   |
| Slovenia                 | <p>Tomaž Remic,<br/>Undersecretary, Forestry Division<br/>Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food</p>  |
| South Africa             | <p>Avhashoni Renny Madula<br/>Director: Forestry Regulation and Oversight<br/>Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)</p>  |



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| Spain                    | <p>Lucía Tornos Castillo<br/>Jefa de Servicio de la SG de política Forestal<br/>Ministerio de Agricultura, Pesca Y Alimentación</p> <p>José Manuel Jaquotot Sáenz de Miera<br/>Subdirector General de Política Forestal<br/>Ministerio de Agricultura, Pesca Y Alimentación</p> <p>Antonio Flores Lorenzo<br/>Representante Permanente Alternativo de España ante la FAO</p> <p>Isabel González Nieto<br/>Asistente Técnica<br/>Representación Permanente de España ante la FAO</p> |
| Turkey                   | <p>Yusuf Sahin<br/>Deputy General Director<br/>Directorate General for Forestry</p> <p>Nilgun Temerit<br/>Division Director<br/>Directorate General for Forestry</p>  |
| United Kingdom           | <p>Kate Fouracre<br/>International Forestry Adviser, United Kingdom</p> <p>Filippo Locatelli<br/>International Forestry Adviser, United Kingdom</p>   |
| United States of America | <p>Emile Gardiner<br/>Research Forester, team leader<br/>United States Forest Service</p>   |

## **Annex III: Excerpt from the COFO report on the 24<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Forestry as presented by the Drafting Committee: International Poplar Commission**

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Excerpt from the draft COFO 2018 Report, item 6.3

29) The Committee:

- a) supported the process for reforming the international Poplar Commission (IPC), including the reorganisation of its Working Parties;
- b) reiterated that there are neither new obligations on contracting parties nor additional costs to the FAO regular programme;
- c) encouraged members of the Commission to actively contribute to the reform of the IPC;
- d) encouraged IPC to consider potential new species, especially those of significance to support tropical countries, while avoiding duplication of work with other organizations such as ITTO;
- e) encouraged IPC to ensure timely distribution of relevant documents.