

FORUM: Ecology & Environment

QUESTION OF: Forest Degradation and Deforestation

SUBMITTED BY: United Kingdom

Recognising past attempts by the UN decade of biodiversity to provide economic incentive in place of logging,

Noting that logging is crucial to the economy of many countries,

Recalling the initiative Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD+) proposed in 2005 to reduce deforestation,

Concerned with the threat that deforestation poses to animals, ecology and society,

Understanding the importance of eco-friendly products,

1. Encourages nations to collaborate more closely towards deforestation by ensuring that as soon as one tree is cut down, two more are planted;
2. Calls upon all states to recover 10% of their forest cover in order to increase tree coverage to previous levels;
3. Proposes the setting up of a sub-committee in order to oversee the efforts of different nations in regards to planting and decreasing deforestation rates;
4. Urges all states to enforce laws regarding excessive usage of wood, for example:
 - a) Recommends laws for people to use forest- based materials in a sustainable way
 - b) Suggests countries should provide incentives to reduce and avoid deforestation rates
 - c) Monitor protected areas to stop illegal logging;
5. Suggests governments raise taxes on wealthy companies to provide funds for the NGOs.