



THE STATEMENT OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPEAN FORESTERS TO THE 10TH SESSION OF THE UNFF

The Council of the European Foresters (C.E.F.) was established in Sibiu, Romania, in 2011. It is an international, non-profit, democratic and open organization of foresters from the European countries. The C.E.F. has currently more than 58,400 members of foresters and invites foresters, professional organizations and unions of foresters from Europe to join this international organization of foresters. The leadership of the Council is taken every year by an organization from another country. The main objectives of the C.E.F. are in particular:

- to cooperate with other international organizations as long as they work in the interest and welfare of the foresters;
- to support the interests of foresters, members of the C.E.F. at the national, European and global level;
- to represent at the international institutions like the UN, the Council of Europe, the European Parliament, the European Council, and others related to the forestry field, environment, timber and biomass and to the labor relations;
- to share experience and knowledge between the member organizations, national and international forestry related institutions etc.

The C.E.F also created an Advisory Group of Forest Experts from Europe (A.G.F.E.E.) that has member institutions, in particular from forestry faculties and forest related research institutions, as well as experts from 12 European countries. This advisory group was established in order to have a role of expertise and support on the solution of the basic forestry related problems being faced or will be faced on the achievement of sustainable management of European forests and to promote the necessity of the sustainable forest management worldwide.



The C.E.F. and A.G.F.E.E. consider that it would be necessary, if the United Nations Forum on Forests will agree, the resolution of the 10th session of the UNFF to include the roles and functions, rights and responsibilities, capacity improvement, employment opportunities etc. of the forestry professionals and other employees in the forestry sector worldwide.

In this regard, C.E.F. presents to UNFF10 and to all national and international forest institutions the Foresters' Declaration, document published in 2011, the International Year of the Forests.

The Foresters' Declaration contains provisions about the role, duties, and rights of the foresters, emphasizing their commitment to the forests.

On behalf of C.E.F., we wish UNFF a fruitful and successful session.

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