

CFS Bureau and Advisory Group meeting on 14 May 2019 – Item on Sustainable Forestry

Written inputs provided by the Private Sector Mechanism (PSM)

As I mentioned during my intervention, I would endorse the comments of CGIAR, which emphasised the need to recognise the 37 recommendations across the 5 headings, of which one was the ‘strengthening of the governance of forests’; to heed the discussions and lessons of the side events and the need for sustainable plantations, women’s empowerment and responsible investment, all topics which CGIAR would be able to further inform. I also supported the call by Indonesia for a positive outlook to the event and, as I subsequently said, it is all too easy to fall into pre-determined positions and we would want to ensure the event highlighted the lessons learnt, and being implemented across the forestry sector, of sustainable forestry, forest restoration and the opportunity to foster nutritional outcomes through agro-forestry. I would also make the point that, in line with the CFS 2017 decision, and following agreed process (including the 5 caveats), that this is to be a CFS event. As such we would expect that participation in the event is welcomed across all CFS stakeholders. While recognising the concerns expressed by CSM we would expect that this event would go forward as a CFS event and not an unilateral stakeholder event.