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Conclusions of the Conference

Tree plantations as an objective of EU rural development policies.

Stable and consistent policies that support investment but do not create market distortions.

Recognize, quantify and value environmental benefits of plantations of poplars and willows with particular attention to the carbon exchange accounting.

Harmonization of rules regarding the environment and worker safety as a prerequisite for developing sound markets and avoiding conflicts between industries in developed and developing countries.

Conclusions (cont.d)

Promote sustainable forest management with emphasis on benefit sharing.

Protect genetic resources and natural poplar and willow populations where they are threatened by human activities.

Exploit the enormous potential of molecular biology without sacrificing conventional long term research.

Intensify efforts to strengthen poplar and willow Research and international collaboration between Research Institutions.

Support the role and activity of the International Poplar Commission.

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