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DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE PARIS DECLARATION
OF THE X WORLD FORESTRY CONGRESS

(Presented by the Delegations of Germany, Malawi and Tunisia)

THE CONFERENCE,

Considering the importance of the Tenth World Forestry Congress held in Paris,
France in September 1991 on the theme "Forests, a heritage for the future" as
a means to renew the commitment of mankind to sustainable management of this
vital natural resource,

Recalling that it had on many occasions in the past drawn attention to the
threat posed by the rapid disappearance of forests and that conservation and
rational use of forests has become imperative,

Convinced that the present generation has an obligation to act as a
responsible trustee of forests as resources of vital importance for future
generations,

Noting with satisfaction the recognition given by the Congress to FAO's work
in the field of forestry,

1.   Fully endorses the Paris Declaration;

2.   Calls upon Member States, institutions and individuals to heed the
      solemn appeal of the Tenth World Forestry Congress for actions to green
      the world through afforestation, reforestation and sustainable
      management of the multiple functions of trees and forests and to
      implement programmes in pursuit of Congress recommendations.

3.   Appeals to the international community to provide financial and
      technical assistance to developing countries and to countries with
      economies in transition in support of their forestry development
      efforts.

4.   Exhorts all countries to promote the sound utilization of forest
      products and to work towards harmonious development of international
      trade in these products free from the imposition of unilateral
      restrictions.

5.   Requests the Organization to undertake the information
      task it has been invited to do by the Congress and to contribute to
      follow-up of the recommendations of the Congress within the means
      available to it.