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United Nations Forum on Forests First substantive session New York, 11-22 June 2001 Item 3 of the provisional agenda\* Development of a plan of action for the implementation of Intergovernmental Panel on Forests/Intergovernmental Forum on Forests proposals for action, which will address financial provisions

# Towards the development of the United Nations Forum on Forests plan of action

## **Report of the Secretary-General**

### Corrigendum

1. Paragraph 7 should read

7. The issue of promoting and facilitating the implementation of proposals for action was subjected to analysis and negotiations during IFF process. In the final report of the IFF,<sup>3</sup> a set of factors were recognized as particularly important for implementing of the proposals for action, such as increasing the provisions for financial resources (para. 10 of the Non-legally Binding Authoritative Statement of Principles for a Global Consensus on the Management, Conservation and Sustainable Development of All Types of Forests (Forest Principles));<sup>4</sup> promoting integrated approaches through national forest programmes; creating relevant, effective, sustained and reliable donor support, including the special role of official development assistance (ODA); systematic assessment, by all countries, of the IPF/IFF proposals for action; creating and strengthening partnerships to encourage long-term political commitment; and encouraging participation by private sector and other major groups.

\* E/CN.18/2001/4.



### 2. Paragraph 9 should read

#### **Regional and global levels**

9. Many IPF/IFF proposals for action were also aimed at the regional and global levels and were directed to international and regional organizations, institutions and forest-related instruments. During the last decade, several forest-related regional processes have proved to be an effective way to promote and facilitate sustainable forest management. It is anticipated that regional involvement in the implementation of the plan of action would be very valuable, particularly by drawing on the expertise and experience of the various regional processes and arrangements.<sup>5</sup> The plan of action would also be an instrument of UNFF to strengthen implementation of the IPF/IFF proposals that call for action at the global level.