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Climate Change!

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given to what, if anything, to
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Our Climate Change folks recom-
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NEWS RELEASE

BANDUNG INITIATIVE FOCUSES ON GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

Bandung, Indonesia, Feb., 20, 1993 -- the Global Forest Conference (GFC) generated action recommendations to promote sustainable forest development. These recommendations, the Bandung Initiative for Global Partnership, call for the establishment of an Independent World Commission on Forest and Sustainable Development to be established by the Secretary General of the United Nations.

Chairman of the GFC, Otto Soemarwoto, hopes that the recommendations contained in the Bandung Initiative will strengthen networks and facilitate exchange of information between and among producers and consumers of forest products.

"Therefore we sought to put forestry issues on the United Nation's agenda to deal with all types of forest and not only to focus on deforestation on individual basis," said Professor Otto of Padjadjaran University, Bandung.

The small group that composed the Bandung Initiative include Chairman of the GFC, a selection of participants, speakers and members of the Steering Committee. The Conference took place in Jakarta and Bandung, Feb. 17-20, 1993 and attended by about 350 people of different backgrounds comprising of scientists, government officials, representatives of non-governmental organizations and other related institutions from 35 countries and five continents.

The GFC was organized by the Institute of Ecology, Padjadjaran University in cooperation with the Ministry of Forestry, Republic Indonesia, the Indonesian Cultural Foundation Inc., New York, and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

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**BANDUNG INITIATIVE FOR
GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP IN SUSTAINABLE FOREST DEVELOPMENT**

We, the participants of the Global Forest Conference in Bandung, Indonesia on 17-20 February 1993, pledge our commitment towards achieving the conservation and sustainable development of global forests in:

Recognizing that global partnership is essential to realize the potential of forests to make increased contribution to meet basic socio-economic and environmental needs,

Considering that the conservation and sustainable development of global forests involves harmonizing complex relationships between socio-economic, cultural, and environmental dimensions,

Building on the agreements reached during the Earth Summit held in Rio, Brazil on 3-14 June 1992, that require conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests,

Call on the world leaders, the Secretary General of the United Nations, governments, heads of the national forest agencies, leaders of the private forest sector, professionals, NGO's as well as other concerned with the conservation of global forests, to undertake immediate actions to develop, enhance and strengthen global partnership by:

- Archiving international trade and financial arrangements that strengthen national capacities to sustainable growing investment in forests and conservation of forests ecological function.
- Promoting and expanding efforts to increase the area of forests, to enhance the protection, sustainable management and conservation of all types of forests, and enlarge the carbon sink of the world.
- Promoting active participation of all sectors of the society in forest-related activities to address the challenge of meeting the basic human needs including food, fuel, shelter and social and economical opportunities for an expanding population from a shrinking resource base.

- * Promoting human resources development by integrating environmental factors into all forms of education in order to improve the interest and capacity of people to advance sustainable forest development.
- * Strengthening global mobilization of scientific research to resolve central problems in the sustainability of forests.

We call upon the existing organizations within the United Nations system and its specialized agencies, scientific and other institutions from around the world to increase their efforts to work toward attaining sustainable forest development.

We also appeal to the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development to accord the highest priority to global forestry issues in their agenda due to the vital role and impact of forests on local, regional and global environments.

We strongly support the establishment by the Secretary General of the United Nations of an independent World Commission on Forests and Sustainable Development of limited duration to examine policies and international institutional arrangements for advancing forestry issues as part of the mainstream of socio-economic development.

We urge all forestry related institutions to consider committing themselves to this Bandung Initiative for Global Partnership in Sustainable Forest Development.

Bandung, Indonesia, February 1993.