



**United Nations Environment Programme**

**Topic:** Deforestation

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Recognizing past attempts by the UN decade of biodiversity to provide economic incentive in place of logging,

Bearing in mind that logging is crucial to the economy of many countries,

Recalling the initiative REDD+ proposed in 2005 to reduce deforestation,

Noting with satisfaction that there has already been a successful year of forests in 2011,

Recognizing that the deforestation rate is rapidly increasing,

Concerned with the threat that deforestation poses to animals, ecology and society,

1. Urges the governments of all countries to prohibit the purposeful burning of forests;
2. Urges companies to use forest farms for wood or paper products instead of rainforests;
3. Requests countries to educate and encourage loggers about selective, minimal-impact cutting;
4. Encourages companies to reforest as much as they deforest;
5. Creates an education program for the public on how they can help deforestation;  
by:
  - a. Buying Forest Stewardship Council certified wood and paper products;
  - b. Using electronics in place of paper
  - c. Purchasing reusable bags to use instead of paper or plastic bags

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6. Encourages governments to place a tax on wood and paper products that have harmed the environment; and use that money to develop reforestation programs;
7. Organizes an education program during the 2016 Olympic Games to raise awareness on the effects of deforestation;
8. Encourages farmers to use crop rotation;
9. Encourages countries to afforest and reforest areas;
10. Encourages the employment of deforestation removal tactic; named REDD;
11. Encourages the public to participate in the Global Forest Watch 2.0 program;
12. Suggests the UN to reduce the production and consumption of palm oil (a large factor to deforestation because of the large swaths of land dedicated to its production) by educating the public about its negative effects;
13. Partners with governments of countries to develop plans to reduce the urban and suburban sprawl; and
14. Encourages people to use “sustainable consumer options” which would be where people would be both the customer and consumer of many non-deforestation products; which would place pressure on companies that harm forests.