United Nations Environmental Programme

Topic: Deforestation

Sponsors: Adopted by Consensus by all Member States of the UNEP.

<u>Affirming</u> that deforestation causes reduction in biodiversity,

<u>Aware</u> of release of greenhouse gas emissions,

<u>Fully aware</u> that deforestation disturbs peoples livelihoods,

<u>Knowing</u> that it is the cause of animal extinctions,

<u>Deeply concerned</u> that the earth's forests are disappearing at a rate of thirteen million hectares of trees a year relevant to 36 football fields a minute,

<u>Noting</u> that each year 46 to 58 square miles of forests are being cut down,

<u>Stressing</u> the fact that from 1990 from 2005 3.1% of the forests cover was lost,

<u>Recognizing</u> that deforestation contributes to global warming and climate change,

<u>Alarming</u> that at this deforestation rate, all trees will be cut down in a period of a century,

<u>Bearing in mind</u> that it will cause trouble in water cycles, such as flash floods,

<u>Expressing its appreciation</u> to the UN for starting UNFF on forests,

1. Emphasizes agriculture businesses to find a way to farm more efficiently, such as crop rotation;

2. Encourages high penalty for illegally cutting down trees;

3. Requests to prohibit slash and burn farming;

4. Promoting reforestation and afforestation;

5. Designates taxes and donation for improving deforestation;

6. Suggests that schools educate children about deforestation;

7. Calls upon all member states to increase global awareness;

8. Suggests developing countries to join the REDD program;

9. Creates a program that allows students to help in habitats that need more trees;

10. Proclaims that all timberline have to take a bag of seeds so whenever somebody cuts a tree they can replant;

11. Requests that schools that use digital technology and digitalizing all school text books;

12. Recommends that we create an NGO to raise to help deforestation; and

13. Proposes that programs provide incentives to countries depending on how much carbon in their forests.