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**ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS RELEASE WFC STATEMENT**

QUEBEC CITY – Environmental organizations today released a statement urging the 12<sup>th</sup> World Forestry Congress to develop an action plan for environmental protection and social justice in the world's forests.

The statement outlines several international commitments that many of the governments represented at the WFC have already agreed to but have yet to implement. The groups called on governments to attaché to these agreements measurable targets, binding timelines, objective evaluation systems and requirements for community-based decision-making.

Copies of the statement are available at the WFC media centre, or through the following NGO media contacts:

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