

Minutes of the 4th General Assembly (Ordinary Meeting) of the Forest Stewardship Council.

Manaus, Brazil

7th – 9th December, 2005

1. Opening of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) General Assembly (GA) Business Session

Mr. Shaun McCartney, Chairperson of the FSC Board of Directors welcomed participants to the GA. He then declared the Assembly open.

In the context of the Opening of the General Assembly, the following presentations were made:

1.1. Special greetings from Mr. Virgilio Viana, Secretary of Sustainable Development of the State of Amazonas

Mr. Virgilio Viana, Secretary of Sustainable Development, State of Amazonas, welcomed the participants on behalf of the State government. He then presented an overview of the forestry situation in Amazonia. His presentation is attached in annex 1.

1.2. Special greetings from the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of FSC Brazil and the FSC's impact on the ground: Beautiful Music, Brand New Starts (Lutheria Office School of Amazonia)

Mr. Rubens Gomes, Chairperson of the Board of Directors of FSC Brazil, introduced members and staff of FSC Brazil and thanked them for their support. He pointed out the difficulties and challenges faced in the Brazilian forests. He highlighted the perspectives of FSC certification also to provide social benefits in the region and reported on the development of FSC in Brazil. Finally he noted the important backing received from the Secretary of Sustainable Development of Amazonas.

There followed a presentation of a successful example of the sustainable use of public forests in Brazil: Lutheria Office School of Amazonia Workshop which demonstrates the potential for the development of craft industries in Amazonia. This workshop produces musical instruments from wood from certified forests. The presentation of this and other initiatives to develop local crafts is attached in annex 2.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Shaun McCartney then formally delegated his Presidency of the General Assembly to Mr. John Ramsey, who assumed the role of Presiding Officer.

The Presiding Officer proposed the formal approval of the General Assembly Agenda. The meeting unanimously approved the Agenda by a show of hands. The meeting was confirmed to be quorate (249 the quorum required, 262 members were present as counted by swiping bar code on entry).

3. FSC 10 year strategy

Mr. Heiko Liedeker, Executive Director of FSC International Center (FSC IC), welcomed the participants and thanked them for their efforts. He commended the decision to locate the 4th General Assembly in the Amazon Basin. He went on to present the FSC 10 year Strategy. The presentation is attached in annex 3.

Mr. Liedeker's presentation was followed by a question and answer session. Questions were asked covering subjects ranging from the role of National Initiatives within the new strategy, increasing the profile of FSC in the USA, to the imbalance between supply and demand of certified timber.

4. Special greetings from the Nobel Prize Winner, Jose Saramago

The afternoon session was opened by a recorded greeting from the Nobel Prize Winner Jose Saramago, who has insisted that his books be printed only on FSC certified paper.

5. FSC priorities for the next three years

Members of the Senior Management Team of FSC IC: Mr. Matthew Wenban-Smith, Ms. Zandra Martinez and Mr. Alistair Monument; and the European Regional Director, Mr. Liviu Amariei, presented the FSC priorities for the next three years. These presentations addressed the implementation of the FSC Strategy and are attached in annex 4 - 7.

These presentations were followed by a panel question and answer session. The subjects raised covered the Trademark Integrity Project, the governance of the European NI network, the problem of fuel wood in the South, partnership with government, the carbon swaps market, certification in countries perceived to be more risky.

6. Presentation of the FSC Board of Directors and Business Report of the FSC Board of Directors

The Chairperson of the FSC Board of Directors, Mr. Shaun McCartney, presented the members of the FSC Board of Directors to the General Assembly:

- Åsa Tham, Economic North
- Chris van Dam, Social South
- Grant Rosoman, Environmental North
- Gisbert Schlemmer, Social North
- Hannah Scrase, Environmental North
- Martha Núñez, Social South
- Víctor Giraldo, Economic South
- Lincoln Quevedo (absent), Environmental South

Three new members to replace serving members Gisbert Schlemmer, Hannah Scrase and Lincoln Quevedo, were introduced:

- Chris van der Goot, Social North
- Eric Palola, Environmental North
- Christian Vallejos, Environmental South

The Chairperson then presented the Business Report of the Board of Directors (attached in annex 8).

7. Treasurer's Report of the FSC Board of Directors

Mr. Gisbert Schlemmer, FSC Treasurer, presented his report. He pointed out that FSC continues to grow even with its limited financial resources. He thanked those of the FSC Network who had contributed to this growth and remarked that it is now necessary to put FSC on a solid financial base globally. Between 1994/1996 to 2003/2005, annual revenue has increased seven-fold. He thanked all those donors who had contributed to this healthy financial state but asked them to continue their support so that FSC can achieve financial stability and carry out its mission efficiently. He particularly highlighted the need to finance the regional offices of FSC and secure adequate staffing levels at the International Center. His report is attached in annex 9. A comment from the floor by Mr. Uwe Sayer of the German National Initiative welcomed the report but suggested that in future a report covering the whole FSC network be presented. Mr. Schlemmer replied that the incoming Treasurer, Mr. Victor Giraldo, should address this. A vote was then taken on the report, which was accepted overwhelmingly.

8. Business Report of the FSC Executive Director

The Executive Director, Mr. Heiko Liedeker, then presented his Business Report, indicating the increase in National Initiatives (now 37), the number of certification bodies now accredited (15), and the number of countries who have developed national standards (13). FSC is active in 77 countries, there are 4993 certificates issued, and over 67 million hectares are FSC certified. An analysis of the budget was given and the decentralization of FSC IC was explained. There are regional offices in Africa (Kumasi), Latin America (Panama), and Europe (Rome). Additional funding is being sought to reestablish the Asia and Pacific regional office. A national office has also been opened in Russia. A Chinese delegation is attending the GA and FSC expects to facilitate the opening of a China national office in 2006. The financial benefits of the relocation of FSC IC to Bonn, Germany, were listed. Some of the achievements of the accreditation, policy and standards, and marketing and communications units were outlined. Lastly, the Executive Director noted that FSC was the first winner of the Alcan Prize for Sustainability, the funds from which will go towards establishing a financial reserve for the organization. His report is attached in annex 10.

9. Approval of Membership List and the List of Members whose Membership Lapsed

The membership list was endorsed with one exception (to be investigated by FSC membership committee). The list with this exclusion was approved overwhelmingly by a show of hands.

The list of destitution of members whose membership has lapsed was approved unanimously by a show of hands.

FSC's impact on the ground: Al-Pac: World's Largest Certified Forest

A success story on FSC's impact was presented. Al-Pac of Alberta, Canada, has the world's largest certified forest (5.5 million hectares). The presentation is attached in annex 11.

10. Report on the Motions adopted at the previous FSC General Assembly

The FSC Executive Director, Heiko Liedeker, presented a report of the motions adopted by the previous General Assembly. The Executive Director informed that five motions are on-going and the rest has been implemented. The FSC members approved the report.

11. Approval of the Protocol for the FSC General Assembly of Associates

Members of FSC approved the Protocol for the FSC General Assembly unanimously by a show of hands.

12. Approval of the Electoral Committee

Members of the Electoral Committee were introduced to the FSC members:

- Gisbert Schlemmer, Social North
- Bruce Cabarle, Environmental North
- Victor Giraldo, Economic South

Members approved unanimously by a show of hands the appointment of the Electoral Committee.

13. Report of the Motions Committee

A report of the Motions submitted to the General Assembly was presented by Jaime Levy. It was informed that 68 motions were received; two were rejected because they were out of time and two didn't have seconders. Members of FSC will be requested to vote on 64 motions; 13 of them are statutory and 51 are policy motions.

FSC's impact on the ground: Working Together to Save Tropical Forest, The Bolivian Experience

A success story on FSC's impact was presented. The Bolivian National Initiative presented an account of the progress made in certification in Bolivia which is now among the most successful in Latin America. The presentation is attached in annex 12.

14. Motions

14.1. Statutory Motions

Statutory-3:	Motion to enable FSC decision making
Proposed	Name: Hannah Scrase Organisation: FERN Chamber: Northern Environmental
Seconded (1)	Name: Shaun McCartney Organisation: Global Forest Products Chamber: Southern Economic
Seconded (2)	Name: Chris van Dam Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Southern Social
Results:	Voted by show of hands. Overwhelming majority in favor.
Passed	
<p>AMENDED Statutory Motion: Changes to by-laws – changes from existing by-laws underlined. 15. <u>The General assembly shall strive to adopt decisions by consensus. In the case of a vote, the approval of motions shall require the affirmative vote of both a simple majority of the voting power registered by associates in good standing in each chamber, and of 66.6% of the total voting power registered by associates in good standing, calculated as provided for in these by-laws (with the exception of board elections).</u></p> <p>Abstentions shall not count as votes cast. A quorum of 50% +1 of votes from associates in good standing (calculated as provided for in these by-laws) in each chamber is required for a decision to be taken in a first ballot. In such case quorum or voting percentage is not obtained in any first ballot, the motions on the agenda shall be voted on by the associates by postal ballot within two months. In the case of a second ballot, a quorum shall not be required and the resolutions shall be considered as validly adopted when approved by both the affirmative vote of a simple majority of members within each <u>chamber, and 66.6% of the total voting power registered by associates in good standing.</u></p>	

Statutory Motion 1: Motion to establish a deliberative stage by National Initiatives in the Dispute Resolution Protocol.

FSC shall provide guidelines for NIs who choose to address complaints at the national level. This was proposed and supported motion. Some speakers mentioned that current capacity of the NIs will not allow them to deal with complaints and more information was sought about how to it will be implemented. The representative of FSC Canada commented that their experience was very positive. Proposals were made to withdraw the motion or defer it until the next day for clarification. The vote on the motion was not taken but postponed to allow further discussions.

Statutory-2:	Motion that FSC employees shall not also be FSC members
Proposed	Name: Matthew Wenban-Smith Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Northern Environmental
Seconded (1)	Name: Anders Lindhe Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Northern Environmental
Seconded (2)	Name: Arnold van Kreveld Organisation: A. van den Berg BV Chamber: Northern Economic
Results:	Vote by written ballot: 134 votes (42.49%) in favour, 182 votes (57.51%) against. Environmental Chamber 39% in favour, 61% against Economic Chamber 58% in favour, 42% against Social Chamber 30% in favour, 70% against.
Not Approved	
<p>AMENDED Statutory Motion: Changes to Statutes (required): TITLE 2: SEVENTH ...Government owned legal entities or entities with governmental participation will not be admitted as members of the Association. EMPLOYEES OF FSC AT THE INTERNATIONAL, REGIONAL OR NATIONAL LEVELS WILL NOT BE ADMITTED AS MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.</p> <p>Changes to By-laws (required): 22. All members are entitled to vote in the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assembly and in the Postal Ballot. It should be noted that the weight of the members' vote will depend on the chamber they are in. EMPLOYEES OF FSC AT THE INTERNATIONAL, REGIONAL OR NATIONAL LEVELS MAY NOT ALSO BE FSC MEMBERS.</p> <p>Guidance: This clause shall not prevent FSC Contact Persons from being FSC members, and shall not prevent FSC members from serving on the Boards of National Working Groups or National or Regional Offices. Individuals who are employed by FSC-accredited Working Groups or National or Regional Offices, and whose role is therefore to represent the interests of FSC and to be neutral with respect to the interests of specific chambers shall not be FSC members.</p> <p>71(a) FSC Contact Person: ... The Contact Person MAY be an individual member of FSC or a duly designated delegate of a member organization.</p> <p>DISCUSSION: The proposer argued for this to be approved so that conflicts of interest may be avoided. Several members spoke against the motion, arguing that there is no current clear role for NIs and that NIs may not have contractual relationships.</p>	

Statutory-4:	Motion to review FSC's P&C: Removal of specified Criteria
Proposed	Name: Pham Hoai Duc Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Southern Environmental
Results:	Motion Withdrawn (Merged with Motion 7)

Statutory-5:	Motion to explicitly add in a public document the long-term commitment to adhere to the FSC Principles and Criteria
Proposed	Name: Ana Young Downey Organization: Individual member Chamber: Southern Economic
Results:	Motion Withdrawn (Merged with Motion 7)

Statutory-6:	Motion to include in the FSC Principles and Criteria stakeholder consultation when defining training opportunities and other services
Proposed	Name: Ana Young Downey Organization: Individual member Chamber: Southern Economic
Results:	Motion Withdrawn (Merged with Motion 7)

Statutory-7:	Alternative motion to those related to changes in P&C
Proposed	Name: Luis Astorga Organisation: Agrupación de Ingenieros Forestales por el Bosque Nativo Chamber: Southern Social
Seconded (1)	Name: Chris van Dam Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Southern Social
Seconded (2)	Name: Bill Mankin Organisation: Sierra Club Chamber: Northern Environmental
Results:	Voted by show of hands. Overwhelming majority in favor.
Passed	

AMENDED Statutory Motion: (Integrated Motions 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12 & 13)
Recognizing the need for careful deliberation on any proposed revisions to the Principles and Criteria, and in view of the number of motions proposing such revisions, the General Assembly decides that the FSC shall establish a formal Working Group to analyze these motions and make recommendations to the FSC membership for vote, regarding whether, and in what form, any revisions should be made. The Working Group shall be representative of FSC's membership, balanced according to sub-chamber, and should begin its work with motions related to Principle 4. To maximize FSC's efficiency in addressing these issues, the General Assembly also calls upon all existing FSC working groups, task forces or other committees that already may be working on subjects related to any of these motions to examine such issues in the context of their own work.

Statutory-8:	Motion to unfold Principle 4
Proposed	Name: Chris van Dam Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Southern Social
Results:	Motion Withdrawn (Merged with Motion 7)

Statutory-9:	Motion to strengthen the conservation of biodiversity
Proposed	Name: Ana Young Downey Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Southern Economic
Results:	Motion Withdrawn (Merged with Motion 7)

Statutory-10:	Motion to change the wording of Criterion 6.10
Proposed	Name: Michal Brink Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Southern Economic
Seconded (1)	Name: L. Mudimeli Organisation: Komatiland Forests Chamber: Southern Economic
Seconded (2)	Name: C. Burchmore Organisation: Mondi Business Paper South Africa Chamber: Southern Economic
Results:	Voted by show of hands. Overwhelming majority in favor.
Passed	
AMENDED Statutory Motion: The first word "forest" in Criterion 6.10 shall be interpreted to refer to natural or semi-natural forests rather than plantations.	
DISCUSSION: The motion was presented and then supported by several speakers. One speaker did however ask for further clarification. The vote was then called for, the GA was then checked for the presence of a quorum and the motion was passed overwhelmingly on a show of hands.	

Statutory-11:	Motion to clarify the requirement of a publicly available forest management plan
Proposed	Name: Ana Young Downey Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Southern Economic
Results:	Motion Withdrawn (Merged with Motion 7)

Statutory-12:	Motion to improve people's protection against forest fires
Proposed	Name: Ana Young Downey Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Southern Economic
Results:	Motion Withdrawn (Merged with Motion 7)

Statutory-13:	Motion to review FSC's P&C: clarification of should/shall
Proposed	Name: Pham Hoai Duc Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Southern Environmental
Results:	Motion Withdrawn (Merged with Motion 7)

14.2. Policy Motions

Policy-48:	Motion to phase out the use of locally adapted certification body's generic Forest Stewardship Standards (Interim Standards)
Proposed	Name: Nils Hager Organisation: WWF International Chamber: Northern Environmental
Seconded (1)	Name: Michal Brink Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Southern Economic
Seconded (2)	Name: Michal Rezek Organisation: Hnuti DUHA Friends of the Earth CZ Chamber: Southern Environmental
Results:	Voted by show of hands. Overwhelming majority in favor.
Passed	
<p>AMENDED Policy Motion: (Integrated Motion 20) The GA mandates and requests the FSC secretariat to: Devise an appropriate way to phase out certifications using certifier's interim standard within five years after this motion is approved by the GA or by five years after the first FMU certificate has been awarded in a respective country currently holding no certificates.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Catalyze, initiate and give technical support to establish national certification standards and increase support for National Initiatives. 2. Devise bridging mechanisms for countries without national standards or countries with outstanding disputes over the standard setting that prevent finalisation of a national standard. Develop an International Generic Standard that will be used as a bridging mechanism for conducting certification assessments where a national standard has not been finalised. Provide guidance for supporting the process of adaptation to a National/Regional Standard with input from stakeholders and consultation. 	
<p>DISCUSSION: The policy motion number 48 was amended and merged with motion 20 - Motion to phase out the use of locally adapted certification body's generic FSC standards (Interim standards). The proposer identified interim standards as one of the problems of FSC according to several reports of WWF. The motion was strongly supported by speakers across chambers.</p>	

Policy-51:	A motion to change the FSC governance structure
Proposed	Name: Anna Jenkins (Nicholas Cliffe, proxy) Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Northern Environmental
Seconded (1)	Name: Nils Hager Organisation: WWF International Chamber: Northern Environmental
Seconded (2)	Name: Maria Ofelia Arboleda Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Southern Environmental
Results:	Voted by show of hands. Overwhelming majority in favor.
Passed	
AMENDED Policy Motion: (Integrated Motions 52, 53, 55, 56, 59 & 61)	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The GA mandates the FSC secretariat to commission/carry out a comprehensive strategic, business and financial plan for the whole FSC network defining mandates, roles, responsibilities and sustainable funding mechanisms, to be completed within 18 months. 2. This process must have input from the FSC members, NIs, staff and board as well as from certification bodies, certificate holders and other customers and partners of FSC. 3. This process should include input on governance, funding mechanisms for FSC IC, regional staff and national initiatives and quality and monitoring systems proposed at the GA 2005. Sources of this input should include: outcomes of discussions held at the GA 2005 regarding the draft FSC strategy, previous relevant work, comments and agreements such as the work of the NI Task Force and the work of the European and Latin American NIs. 4. The GA calls upon the Board of Directors to seek formal approval from the membership and FSC Network, including the National Initiatives, prior to final Board approval of the strategic business plan within 2 years, through an extraordinary GA or other formal process. 	

Policy-62:	Motion to evaluate the results of the SLIMF initiative
Proposed	Name: Dawn Robinson Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Southern Social
Seconded (1)	Name: Eric Palola Organisation: NWF Chamber: Northern Environmental
Seconded (2)	Name: Jens Kanstrup Organisation: Rainforest Group Nepenthes Chamber: Northern Environmental
Results:	Voted by show of hands. Overwhelming majority in favor.
Passed	
<p>AMENDED Policy Motion: That FSC carries out an independent evaluation of the results of the SLIMF Initiative, within one year of this GA. The results should be made public and be available in the two official languages of the FSC.</p> <p>The evaluation should include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A review of thresholds for eligibility criteria, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Their relevance for community forests in developing countries; and, • The eligibility criteria thresholds for area, volume and intensity of management with a view to revising the thresholds. 2. Mechanisms for national level adjustments to eligibility criteria to ensure compatibility with local conditions. 3. How and if SLIMF procedures are being offered and implemented by Certification Bodies to small and low intensity forest operations: both single and community operations. 4. The distribution of operations certified as SLIMF by country, including how they meet the criteria (area and volume harvested). 5. Analysis of the changes in the direct costs of certification (taking into account the perception of these costs by the operations themselves, and by CBs). 6. The identification of other opportunities to further reduce costs and increase accessibility. 7. Recommendations for improving the SLIMF Initiative. 8. Suggested mechanisms to implement the recommendations identified by the evaluation. 9. Lessons regarding the role of the National Initiatives in the promotion and interpretation of the SLIMF initiative. 10. Aspects relating to Community Forestry Management: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of community forestry operations certified as SLIMF. • Other proposals for ways to specifically support community forestry operations. 	

Policy-26:	Moratorium on Plantation Certification
Proposed	Name: Rudolf Fenner Organisation: Robin Wood Chamber: Northern Environmental
Seconded (1)	Name: Gerd Billen Organisation: NABU e.V. Chamber: Northern Environmental
Seconded (2)	Name: Laszlo Maraz Organisation: Pro Regenwald e.V. Chamber: Northern Environmental
Results:	Vote by written ballot: 69 votes (21.37%) in favour, 240 votes (78.63%) against.
Not Passed	Environmental Chamber 33% in favour, 67% against Economic Chamber 5% in favour, 95% against Social Chamber 25% in favour, 75% against.
Policy Motion: The General Assembly decides that FSC-Certification of Plantations stops till the "plantations-review" is finalized.	
DISCUSSION: This motion for a Moratorium on Plantation Certification was strongly proposed on the argument that plantations may have negative consequences and these need to be assessed in the Plantations Review before continuing with certification. Moreover FSC needs to address this issue in order to continue having the support from other NGOs. A number of speakers opposed the motion on the grounds that FSC needs to send strong message to the economic sector that it is stable.	

Policy-54:	Motion to support local communities and small tropical forest owners and small forest companies in achieving forest certification
Proposed	Name: Jaime Levy Organisation: Fundación ALTROPICO Chamber: Southern Social
Seconded (1)	Name: Grant Rosoman Organisation: Greenpeace New Zealand Chamber: Northern Environmental
Seconded (2)	Name: Richard Donovan Organisation: Rainforest Alliance Chamber: Northern Economic
Results:	
Passed	Voted by show of hands. Overwhelming majority in favor.
AMENDED Policy Motion: (Integrated Motion 50) That the FSC establish a Working Group to analyze the problems and obstacles encountered to date to support and sustain local communities, including indigenous groups afro-descendents, riverbank communities, forest resources extractors and campesinos) to obtain access to and benefits from forest certification and propose practical solutions to the identified problems.	

Policy-45:	A Motion on the Inclusion of Labour in FSC.
Proposed	Name: Gisbert Schlemmer Organisation: IG Metall Chamber: Northern Social
Seconded (1)	Name: Bruce Cabarle Organisation: WWF US Chamber: Northern Environmental
Seconded (2)	Name: Grant Rosoman Organisation: Greenpeace New Zealand Chamber: Northern Environmental
Results:	Voted by show of hands. Overwhelming majority in favor.
Passed	
AMENDED Policy Motion: The FSC is requested to carry out a feasibility study on options for incorporating compliance with ILO (International Labor Organization) conventions in the requirements for CoC certificate holders, fully evaluating the economic and operational impacts and market uptake. Consideration should also be given to implications for and conditions affecting small family and community CoC certificate holders in developing countries.	
DISCUSSION: The proposer argued for this on health and safety grounds and commented that, in interchamber discussions, the motion has been substantially amended. Subsequent speakers all supported the motion.	

Policy-31:	Broadening horizons: The certification of bamboo
Proposed	Name: Margaret Stern Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Southern Environmental
Seconded (1)	Name: Jaime Levy Organisation: Fundación Altrópico Chamber: Southern Social
Seconded (2)	Name: Cristian Vallejos Organisation: Asociación para la Conservación de la Cuenca Amazónica (ACCA) Chamber: Southern Environmental
Results:	Voted by show of hands. Overwhelming majority in favor.
Passed	
AMMENDED Policy Motion: Motion to urge the FSC to improve and expand its guidelines on bamboo and rattan forest certification, building on recent efforts made by the Colombian NI and the FSC Secretariat with respect to the management and certification of bamboo.	

Policy-41:	Motion to promote control of the FSC logo
Proposed	Name: Jens Kanstrup Organisation: Rainforest Group Nepenthes Chamber: Northern Environmental
Seconded (1)	Name: Scott Poynton Organisation: Tropical Forest Trust Chamber: Northern Economic
Seconded (2)	Name: Paulina Baca Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Southern Social
Results: Passed	Vote by written ballot: 235 votes (71.52%) in favour, 80 votes (28.48%) against. Environmental Chamber 94% in favour, 6% against Economic Chamber 52% in favour, 48% against Social Chamber 68% in favour, 32% against.
<p>AMENDED Policy Motion: (Integrated Motion 42)</p> <p>The general assembly recognizes the importance of keeping a thorough control of the use of the FSC logo. We, the members of the FSC, hereby resolve that the Board of Directors is to ensure a yearly investigation of the yearly reports submitted by the FSC certified companies, in order to ensure that the amounts of FSC certified timber being sold, does not exceed the amounts entering the Chain of Custody. This investigation should every year include an adequate percentage of all CoC certificates to ensure a thorough control. The selection of CoC certificates shall be based on the number of outstanding CAR's, previous identified problems, and specific suspicion.</p> <p>In addition the Board of Directors shall devise an adequate system to control the use of the FSC logo among retailers.</p> <p>These control systems shall be implemented no later than 12 months from the final day of this General Assembly, and shall be maintained until other superior control mechanisms has been implemented by the FSC.</p>	

Policy-18:	Motion to emphasize the importance of field performance
Proposed	Name: Rubens Gomes Organisation: OELA Chamber: Southern Social
Seconded (1)	Name: Luis Fernando Guedes Pinto Organisation: IMAFLORA – Instituto de Manejo e Certificação Florestal e Agrícola Chamber: Southern Economic
Seconded (2)	Name: Richard Z. Donovan Organisation: Rainforest Alliance Chamber: Northern Economic
Results:	Vote by written ballot: 225 votes (71.37%) in favour, 73 votes (28.63%) against.
Passed	Environmental Chamber 60% in favour, 40% against Economic Chamber 79% in favour, 21% against Social Chamber 75% in favour, 25% against.
AMENDED Policy Motion: We, the members of the FSC, request the following in terms of all future global standards development processes for FSC accreditation of certification bodies, and FSC certification (forest management, chain of custody and other FSC services): A chamber-balanced working group shall develop each standard; and, performance and system requirements for each standard are consistently balanced.	
DISCUSSION: Most speakers supported the motion, however one issue was raised to highlight that working groups are expensive and currently there is no mechanism to determine where the funding is coming from.	

Policy-46:	Motion to increase and strengthen the market for FSC products around the world
Proposed	Name: Ana Alicia Eid Chajtur Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Southern Economic
Seconded (1)	Name: Jon Pampush Organisation: Metafore Chamber: Northern Economic
Seconded (2)	Name: <u>Chris van der Goot</u> Organisation: Ecohout Chamber: Northern Social
Results:	Vote by written ballot: 234 votes (75.59%) in favour, 75 votes (24.41%) against.
Passed	Environmental Chamber 74% in favour, 26% against Economic Chamber 73% in favour, 27% against Social Chamber 80% in favour, 20% against.
AMENDED Policy Motion: FSC will prioritize in its work plan the development of a market strategy together with other organizations in order to ensure an effective link between supply and demand for FSC certified forest products around the world.	
DISCUSSION: The proposer stressed the importance of marketing, however there were differences of opinion between FSC members basically over the availability of resources for this and because this is already part of the strategic document presented previously to the GA.	

The Electoral Committee announced a procedural change in the registration of proxies to enable transfer of proxies by participants who are leaving before the closure of the GA. A proxy form is to be signed and the Presiding Officer, after taking legal advice, decided to accept the procedure.

FSC's Impact on the ground: Rescuing Species and Preserving Traditions

Mr. David Maingi, Environmental South, presented a success story of farm forestry and wood carvers in Kenya. The presentation is attached in annex 13.

Statutory-1:	Motion to develop guideline for NI for complaints resolution
Proposed	Name: Antonio Claret de Oliveira Organization: V & M Florestal Ltda Chamber: Southern Economic
Seconded (1)	Name: Jose Aldezir de Lucca Pucci Organization: Klabin SA Chamber: Southern Economic
Seconded (2)	Name: João Carlos Augusti Organization: Suzano Bahia Sul Papel e Celulose S/A Chamber: Southern Economic
Results:	Vote by written ballot: 234 votes (80.83%) in favour, 45 votes (19.17%) against.
Passed	Environmental Chamber 86% in favour, 14% against Economic Chamber 73% in favour, 27% against Social Chamber 84% in favour, 16% against.
AMENDED Statutory Motion: FSC shall provide guidelines for NI's who choose to address complaints at the national level. For NI's that chose not to address the complaints at national level, the complaints shall be managed through FSC AC's normal procedure.	
DISCUSSION: The proposer and seconder commented that e.g. for cultural and historical reasons, NIs may be better placed to deal with complaints at the national level but need guidelines. Another speaker from Ecuador noted that his country already has a national system. Other speakers said they would support the motion if it was understood that there could be appeal from the national to a higher level for dissatisfied claimants or respondents. Reference was also made to FSC's ongoing work on dispute resolution. The ability of NIs to react at local level because of local knowledge and the successful involvement of some in dispute resolution was commented on. Another speaker considered that NIs should not run the dispute resolution process but rather participate in it while others remarked that NI complaints resolution procedures should be submitted to FSC IC for endorsement and conflicts of interest must be avoided in the process. A vote was taken by written ballot.	

Policy-33:	Motion to establish a Working Group to discuss and propose a set of simplified certification procedures for small Chain of Custody (COC) operations
Proposed	Name: Luis Fernando Guedes Pinto Organisation: IMAFLORA – Instituto de Manejo e Certificação Florestal e Agrícola Chamber: Southern Economic
Seconded (1)	Name: Judy Rodrigues Organisation: Greenpeace International Chamber: Northern Environmental
Seconded (2)	Name: Maria Ofelia Arboleda Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Southern Environmental
Results:	Vote by written ballot: 277 votes (88.41%) in favour, 40 votes (11.59%) against.
Passed	Environmental Chamber 97% in favour, 3% against Economic Chamber 77% in favour, 23% against Social Chamber 91% in favour, 9% against.
AMENDED Policy Motion: FSC shall establish a Working Group to discuss and propose a set of simplified certification procedures and Standards for small Chain of Custody (COC) operations, including small-scale workshops and other wood processing centers whilst safeguarding traceability to be approved by the Board of FSC.	
DISCUSSION: The proposer argued that the procedures need to be adapted to small processing operations to strengthen this sector and make certification more accessible to it. He recognized the subject is complex, but it is nevertheless important to treat it. Other speakers generally supported the motion but one cautioned that certified timber is difficult to trace through Asian workshops, and also that it would be costly to set up a working group to find a solution. Others pointed out the need to define small and to take into account the technology used when tracking.	

Policy-29:	Motion to produce clear policies and guidelines for Non Timber Forest Products (NTFPs) certification in the FSC System
Proposed	Name: Dawn Robinson Organization: Individual member Chamber: Southern Social
Seconded (1)	Name: Christian Terán Organization: Individual member Chamber: Southern Social
Seconded (2)	Name: Jörg Linke Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Southern Social.
Results:	Voted by show of hands. Overwhelming majority in favor.
Passed	
<p>AMMENDED Policy Motion: Given that there is a lack of clarity about how NTFPs should be dealt with in the different parts of the FSC system we request:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That FSC clarify how NTFPs fit into existing policies. This may include additional text in the accreditation standards, policy guidelines and labeling guidelines. This clarification should make it clear to NIs, CBs and forest managers how NTFPs can and should be certified and labeled, and explain to NIs how they should deal with NTFPs in national standards development. 2. That subsequently FSC produce clear communication material for potential certified operations about how to obtain FSC certification which covers NTFPs. This material should be made available on the FSC web sites and would serve as a template for translation into other languages. 	
<p>DISCUSSION: The proposer commented that forest certification does not only cover timber products and the proposal seeks to clarify how these fit into existing policies and develop appropriate communications material. Others supported the motion, emphasising the importance of NTFPs to communities in the South. The issue of cork in Spain was mentioned.</p>	

Policy-14:	Motion to Modify the Accreditation Standard
Proposed	Name: Vladimir Tchouprov Organisation: Greenpeace Russia Chamber: Southern Environmental
Seconded (1)	Name: Mario Mantovani Organisation: Fundação SOS Mata Atlântica Chamber: Southern Environmental
Seconded (2)	Name: Luis Carlos Meneses Organisation: WWF Brasil Chamber: Southern Environmental
Results:	Voted by show of hands. Overwhelming majority in favor.
Passed	
<p>AMENDED Policy Motion: Guidance shall be developed by FSC on the participation of observers in Forest Management assessments and audits, including on: the selection and acceptance or rejection of observers, the role and degree of involvement in the certification process, confidentiality requirements, conduct and costs.</p> <p>The purpose of observer participation is to allow stakeholders to better understand the process of certification to build trust between stakeholders and certification bodies and forest managers, and contribute to the stakeholder consultation process.</p>	
<p>DISCUSSION: The first speaker in support of the motion explained that it seeks to clarify the role of observers on forest management audits. The following speaker supported the motion as it will help confidence while subsequent speakers cautioned against increasing costs and suggested that observers only should attend audits with consent of forest manager and certification body. The representative of the Bolivia National Initiative remarked that his NI participates in two audits annually and find the experience useful to improve standards development and the Certification Bodies' role. This was echoed by a representative from the Economic North who commented he had much experience with observers on audit but only had one bad experience. CBs have internal guidelines which require the forest manager's and CB's agreement for confidentiality and legal reasons. Other speakers noted that although the intention is good to increase transparency, CBs already have transparency because they are evaluated by FSC IC. Therefore passing the motion could lead to conflict. A speaker on behalf of indigenous peoples could not support the motion as may erode their right to control entry to their territory. The proposer responded that the motion basically seeks clarity on the role of observers, nothing more.</p>	

Policy-38:	Motion to identify a process to monitor and evaluate commitment by companies to continuous improvement under the FSC credit system.
Proposed	Name: Guido Fuchs Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Northern Economic
Seconded (1)	Name: Judy Rodrigues Organisation: Greenpeace International Chamber: Northern Environmental
Seconded (2)	Name: Jürgen Jordan Organisation: ESPEN Chamber: Northern Economic
Results:	Vote by written ballot: 188 votes (64.52%), against 114 votes (35.48%). Environmental Chamber in favour 88%, against 12%
Not Passed	Economic Chamber 34% in favour, 66% against Social Chamber 71% in favour, 29% against.
<p>AMENDED Policy Motion: The General Assembly requests the Chain of Custody Working Group, within its review of FSC STD-40-004, to identify a procedure for evaluating whether certified operations are continuing to increase their minimum rolling average of FSC material within a specific time period.</p> <p>The General Assembly also requests the Trademark Standards Working Group for Off-Product Claims to evaluate a representative sample of public claims made by certified operations linked to their FSC material input.</p>	
<p>DISCUSSION: The proposer noted that this motion was sponsored by the Swiss industry which had invested a great deal in the previous system. They felt that when the standard was changed, an incentive for the processing of certified wood was removed. The following speaker supported the intent of the motion as otherwise supply would not meet demand. Subsequent speakers, all from the Economic Chamber, in general opposed the motion. One considered this put one set of business criteria against another, another was concerned that this would overload the FSC IC work agenda, moreover there are ongoing working groups looking at these issues and time was needed to see how the new standards were functioning before any changes were made. A member from the Economic South considered that, although the intention was good, in reality the potential to increase supply continuously was not there as it depended on demand. A final speaker asked that the existing working group evaluate the procedure. He is against the first part of the motion relating to increased volume but in favour of second part relating to the evaluation of public claims. The proposer responded to the criticisms by asserting he was not seeking to change the standard. The motion was directed at obtaining information in order to make decisions, it was not seeking to punish companies but was to clarify the intent of the standard so it is not misused. A vote was taken on a show of hands: passed in Environmental chamber, failed in Economic Chamber, passed in Social Chamber. A call was then made for a vote by ballot.</p>	

Policy-64:	Motion to carry out a feasibility study to establish responsible purchase system or similar mechanism
Proposed	Name: Chris van Dam Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Southern Social
Seconded (1)	Name: Martha Núñez Organisation: Fundación Ambiente y Sociedad Chamber: Southern Social
Seconded (2)	Name: Grant Rosoman Organisation: Greenpeace New Zealand Chamber: Northern Environmental
Seconded (3)	Name: Victor Giraldo Organisation: Smurfit Cartón de Colombia Chamber: Southern Economic
Results:	Vote by written ballot: 228 votes (71.82%) in favour, 91 votes (28.18%) against.
Not Passed	Environmental Chamber 87% in favour, 13% against Economic Chamber 48% in favour, 52% against Social Chamber 81% in favour, 19% against.
AMENDED Policy Motion: The General Assembly resolves to ask the FSC Board of Directors to carry out a feasibility study to establish responsible purchase system or similar mechanism.	
DISCUSSION: The proposer explained that the motion has been amended after cross-chamber consultation to study how responsible buyers could be rewarded. The proposal would also be equitable as the responsibility is borne only by producers at present. Subsequent speakers were concerned that this would lead to a new certification being set up. The question should be looked at in a comprehensive way and in relation to previous market-related motions passed. Others, although concerned at costs, felt this was a good idea to try to give a premium to responsible buyers, the concept was appropriate to FSC and the motion was not asking for anything more than do a feasibility study. A representative of a large Northern retailer noted that FSC needs to do more market research and this motion should fit into this. However she would be wary of introducing new labels as this could be negative if discrimination between buyers is introduced. The proposer responded that the study did not only cover certification mechanisms but would look at other options.	

Policy-40:	Motion to recognize the value of companies committed to FSC
Proposed	Name: Luis Fernando Guedes Pinto Organisation: IMAFLORA – Instituto de Manejo e Certificação Florestal e Agrícola Chamber: Southern Economic
Seconded (1)	Name: Bill Mankin Organisation: Sierra Club Chamber: Northern Environmental
Seconded (2)	Name: Peter Feilberg Organisation: NEPCon Chamber: Northern Economic
Results:	Voted by show of hands. Overwhelming majority against.
Not Passed	
AMENDED Policy Motion: FSC shall permit the clear and obvious indication of the percentage of certified forest products in a product carrying the FSC logo.	
DISCUSSION: The chairman of the GA asked for a technical opinion from the FSC IC secretariat. The Head of Policy and Standards provided his opinion about the implications of introducing new labels and the benefits of doing it to motivate companies committed to FSC.	

Policy-30:	Motion to improve the FSC standard for non FSC-certified controlled wood
Proposed	Name: Jens Kanstrup Organisation: Rainforest Group Nepenthes Chamber: Northern Environmental
Seconded (1)	Name: Scott Poynton Organisation: Tropical Forest Trust Chamber: Northern Economic
Seconded (2)	Name: Kasper Kopp Organisation: KoppWood A/S Chamber: Northern Economic
Results:	Voted by show of hands. Overwhelming majority in favor.
Passed	
AMENDED Policy Motion: We, the members of the FSC, ask that the Controlled Wood Working Group during their revision of the FSC standard for non FSC-certified controlled wood (FSC-STD-40-005), investigate the feasibility of devising a simple third party verified tracing system ensuring that it is possible to trace ALL controlled wood.	

Policy-49:	Motion about the use of once accredited forest management standards
Proposed	Name: Lena Dahl Organisation: WWF Sweden Chamber: Northern Environmental
Seconded (1)	Name: Anders Lindhe Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Northern Environmental
Seconded (2)	Name: Grant Rosoman Organisation: Greenpeace International Chamber: Northern Environmental
Results:	Voted by show of hands. Overwhelming majority in favor.
Passed	
<p>AMENDED Policy Motion: The General Assembly requests the Board of Directors that the following is added to FSC-STD-60-006 "Requirements for procedures for the development of FSC Forest Stewardship Standards": <i>If a regional, national or sub-national forest management standard has been accredited by FSC and then expired, that standard should remain a guidance document for certification bodies until a revised standard is accredited by FSC, in order to maintain the performance level and harness stakeholder support.</i></p>	

Policy-17:	Motion to decrease unnecessary cost differences of certification in different countries
Proposed	Name: Luis Fernando Guedes Pinto Organisation: IMAFLORA – Instituto de Manejo e Certificação Florestal e Agrícola Chamber: Southern Economic
Results:	Motion Withdrawn
<p>DISCUSSION: After the proposer's arguments in support, the following speaker suggested a change stating that this motion will apply to countries where English or Spanish is not the official language. Another member mentioned that this could function for SLIMF's operation but not large operations. The next speaker from an international organization suggested that for them it wouldn't be useful. In addition, he pointed out a problem that, with the current approved protocol, friendly amendments cannot be taken. A member then asked that an exception be made in this case. However the electoral committee rejected the proposal as this would open the possibility to repeat this in the future. Proposer decided to withdraw the motion.</p>	

Policy-34:	Motion to take into consideration environmental impact for FSC-Paper
Proposed	Name: Simon Dyer Organisation: Alpac Chamber: Northern Economic
Seconded (1)	Name: Jörg-Andreas Krüger Organisation: NABU Chamber: Northern Environmental
Seconded (2)	Name: Uwe Sayer Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Northern Environmental
Results:	Vote by written ballot: 230 votes (78.34%) in favour, 65 votes (21.66%) against.
Passed	Environmental Chamber 95% in favour, 5% against; Economic Chamber 54% in favour, 46% against; Social Chamber 86% in favour, 14% against.
<p>AMENDED Policy Motion: (Integrated Motion 37)</p> <p>FSC will study the feasibility of the option for incorporation of environmental criteria in the CoC standards applicable to the production of FSC-certified paper, including the processing of fibre (pulp, recycled fibre, and related products), in order to safeguard the values and integrity of the FSC brand. The study should include an analysis of existing environmental certification systems (such as the European Eco-label, the Blue Angel and the Nordic Swan, ISO 14000, EMAS) and the possibility to incorporate such systems in the FSC C-o-C requirements for pulp/paper producers on a global level. The study should also evaluate the implication for economic, and operational impacts and market uptake. Consideration should also be given to small producers of pulp or paper products.</p>	

Policy-43:	Motion to evaluate the effects of the implementation of FSC-STD-40-004 (FSC chain of custody standard for companies supplying and manufacturing FSC-certified products), FSC-STD-40-005 (FSC standard for non FSC-certified controlled wood) and FSC-STD-30-010 (FSC standard for forest management enterprises supplying non FSC certified controlled wood) replacing the percentage based-claims system FSC-POL-40-001
Proposed	Name: Jens Kanstrup Organisation: Rainforest Group Nepenthes Chamber: Northern Environmental
Seconded (1)	Name: Peter Feilberg Organisation: NEPCon Chamber: Northern Economic
Seconded (2)	Name: Paulina Baca Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Southern Social
Results:	Vote by written ballot: 188 votes (66.19%) in favour, 97 votes (33.81%) against.
Not Passed	Environmental Chamber 69% in favour, 31% against Economic Chamber 51% in favour, 49% against Social Chamber 78% in favour, 22% against.
<p>Policy Motion: The General Assembly recognises the importance of following the implementation of the new standards (FSC-STD-40-004, FSC-STD-40-005 and FSC-STD-30-010) and continuously evaluates their effectiveness in solving the identified problems and to make sure that they do not have any adverse effects. We, the members of FSC, therefore resolve that The Board of Directors shall arrange an independent analysis of the effects of the implementation of the new standards (FSC-STD-40-004, FSC-STD-40-005 and FSC-STD-30-010) to be initiated before the end of 2006.</p> <p>This analysis shall include an evaluation of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether or not, the economic and logistical barriers facing industries wanting to supply FSC certified products has been reduced. • Whether or not, the flow of FSC certified material through the supply chain has been improved. • Whether or not, the new standard (FSC-STD-40-005) successfully excludes wood from controversial sources. • Whether or not, the new standards favour larger Western European enterprises in the competition on the world market for certified products. • Whether or not, the new standards have a negative effect on the competitiveness of enterprises from developing countries in the marketplace for certified products. • Whether or not the complexity of the new standards presents a barrier for small and medium sized enterprises effectively excluding them from entering the market for mixed products. 	

Policy-35:	Motion to increase transparency in chain of custody certification
Proposed	Name: Luis Fernando Guedes Pinto Organisation: IMAFLORA – Instituto de Manejo e Certificação Florestal e Agrícola Chamber: Southern Economic
Results:	Motion Withdrawn

Policy-63:	Motion to change the FSC slogan
Proposed	Name: Luis Astorga Organisation: Agrupación de Ingenieros Forestales por el Bosque Nativo Chamber: Southern Social
Seconded (1)	Name: Maria Ofelia Arboleda Obando Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Southern Environmental
Seconded (2)	Name: Héctor A. Martínez H. Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Southern Economic
Seconded (3)	Name: Henry Moreno Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Southern Economic
Results:	Vote by written ballot: 160 votes (59.66%) in favour, 121 votes (40.34%) against.
Not Passed	Environmental Chamber 76% in favour, 24% against Economic Chamber 29% in favour, 71% against Social Chamber 74% in favour, 26% against.
AMENDED Policy Motion: The FSC General Assembly agrees to change the slogan currently used on FSC materials “ <i>Because Forests Matter</i> ” to one reading “ <i>Because forests and people matter</i> ” and their corresponding translations into Spanish.	
DISCUSSION: Members from the South supported strongly the motion, arguing that it was needed that FSC reflects the people factor in its slogan. Opposition from other members was raised arguing that GA members can mandate FSC staff to reflect people in the slogan but not to interfere directly in the work. Voting by show of hands was called, however without enough clarity. Voting by ballot was called for.	

Policy-32:	Motion on chain of custody and FSC trademark requirements
Proposed	Name: Simon Dyer Organisation: Alpac Chamber: Northern Economic
Seconded (1)	Name: John Wiggers Organisation: Wiggers Custom Furniture Ltd. Chamber: Northern Economic
Seconded (2)	Name: William George Organisation: Domtar Chamber: Northern Economic
Results:	Vote by written ballot: 195 votes (67.54%) in favour, 101 votes (32.46%) against.
Passed	Environmental Chamber 66% in favour, 34% against Economic Chamber 60% in favour, 40% against Social Chamber 76% in favour, 24% against.
AMENDED Policy Motion: FSC will provide clear guidance to permit the use of the check-tree logo, accompanied by the certificate registration number, on products where the use of the full logo block would materially interfere with the design, use or cost.	
DISCUSSION: The proposer argued that market penetration was being lost, particularly in law firm offices, as the full logo was too cumbersome. After several comments, mainly opposing reducing the full logo, voting was called for by ballot.	

Policy-39:	Motion to diminish costs of the use of the FSC logo for Small and/or Low Intensity Managed Forest (SLIMF) operations and small Chain of Custody (COC) operations
Proposed	Name: Luis Fernando Guedes Pinto Organisation: IMAFLORA – Instituto de Manejo e Certificação Florestal e Agrícola Chamber: Southern Economic
Seconded (1)	Name: Nancy Vallejo Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Southern Social
Seconded (2)	Name: Pierre Hauselmann Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Northern Economic
Seconded (3)	Name: Peter Feilberg Organisation: Nepcon Chamber: Northern Economic
Seconded (4)	Name: Rubens Gomes Organisation: OELA – Oficina Escola de Lutheria da Amazonia Chamber: Southern Social
Results:	
Passed	Voted by show of hands. Overwhelming majority in favor.
Policy Motion: Small and/or Low Intensity Managed Forests (SLIMFs) and small Chain of Custody (COC) operations shall be exempt from the payment of FSC Brandpacks.	

Policy-65:	Motion to encourage collaboration with other organizations on fair trade labeling
Proposed	Name: Bert Witteveen Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Southern Social
Seconded (1)	Name: Dawn Robinson Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Southern Social
Seconded (2)	Name: Maria Ofelia Arboleda Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Southern Environmental
Results:	Voted by show of hands. Overwhelming majority in favor.
Passed	
<p>An important and growing percentage of the world's forests are inhabited, used and managed by indigenous or traditional groups and communities.</p> <p>One of the challenges faced by communities and indigenous/traditional groups with FSC certification is to achieve a link to consumers willing to recognize the added social and environmental value of their efforts to offer sustainable livelihoods for their inhabitants – often very marginalized and living in poverty -based on forest management.</p> <p>Therefore the General Assembly mandates the FSC International Center to collaborate with the Fair Trade Labeling Organization (FLO) and/or other organizations with the goal of identifying options so that FSC products can carry labels which recognize the added social value of their management.</p>	

Policy-44:	Motion to improve the access of small-scale shops and other wood transformation centres to chain of custody certification.
Proposed	Name: Fernando Aguilar Organisation: Individual member Chamber: Southern Environmental
Results:	Motion Withdrawn

Policy-66:	Motion to create a protocol for revising the Principles and Criteria.
Proposed	Name: Bruce Cabarle Organisation: WWF-US Chamber: Northern Environmental
Seconded (1)	Name: Shaun McCartney Organisation : Global Forest Products Chamber : Southern Economic
Seconded (2)	Name: Martha Nuñez Organisation: Fundacion Ambiente y Sociedad Chamber: Southern Social
Results:	Voted by show of hands. Overwhelming majority in favor.
Passed	
POLICY Motion: The General Assembly, acknowledging the need for a clear FSC Protocol for the careful consideration of proposed revisions to the FSC Principles and Criteria, directs the FSC International Center, in collaboration with the FSC Board of Directors and in close consultation with the membership, to develop and adopt such a protocol, within one year.	

FSC's Impact on the ground: FSC Pulp and Paper make Headlines the World Over

A success story on the impact of FSC in the paper sector was presented. Presentation attached in annex 14.

Martha Núñez, FSC Board Member Social South, concluded by expressing satisfaction with the South-South process if political will exist. She called for donors to support a similar but wider initiative in order to continue the process.