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ADDENDUM to Document FO:EFC/2010/3.2 on SILVA MEDITERRANEA: PROGRESS REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

1. This addendum has been prepared to present the European Forestry Commission, as announced in document **FO:EFC/2010/3.2** on AFWC/EFC/NEFC Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions *Silva Mediterranea* with a position paper on the “contribution of forests and other wooded lands to food security in the Mediterranean.”
2. This position paper (Annex I) was prepared by a panel of experts in the context of the Enlarged Executive Committee of *Silva Mediterranea* during the first Mediterranean Forest Week, held on 14-16 April 2010 in Antalya, Turkey. The panel of experts comprised representatives of member countries of the *Silva Mediterranea* Committee, research organizations and networks, landowner associations and nongovernmental organizations active in the Mediterranean.
3. This position paper was prepared for adoption and inclusion as part of the declaration of Ministers of Agriculture at the “Ministerial Conference of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) on Food security, Agriculture and Rural Development” taking place on 15-16 June 2010, in Cairo, Egypt. It is aimed at raising awareness of Agriculture Ministers on the “Contribution of forests and other wooded lands to food security in the Mediterranean.”
4. The EFC is invited to take note of this position paper and to endorse it for onward submission to Ministers of agriculture for adoption at the “Ministerial Conference of the Union for the Mediterranean on Food security, Agriculture and Rural Development”.

ANNEX I

Position paper to be submitted to the Ministerial Conference of the
Union for the Mediterranean on Food security, Agriculture and Rural Development
(15-16 June 2010, Cairo, Egypt)

Contribution of forests and other wooded lands to food security in the Mediterranean

1. Mediterranean forest and other wooded lands contribute significantly to poverty alleviation and food security through the provision of multiple goods and services such as water supply, soil protection, rangeland use, biodiversity conservation, energy supply and wood and non wood forest products.
2. In the context of climate change and other increasing human pressures, investment in avoiding deforestation and in sustainable forest management are key issues for the provision of these goods and services threatened by drought, wildfires, erosion, desertification, emerging pests and diseases.
3. A better intersectoral and inter-institutional coordination with participation of local communities and other stakeholders is needed to foster the integration of agriculture, pastoralism, forestry, water, energy and other land-use sectors at policy, management and research levels.
4. Based on the outcomes of the Ministerial Meeting on climate change and food security held in Istanbul on 8 of March 2010 and recommendations of the Mediterranean Forest Week held in Antalya on 13-16 of April 2010, which gathered the experts and the international organizations of the region,

We, Ministers, recommend to:

- develop an integrated strategy for sustainable management of Mediterranean forests and other wooded lands to ensure the provision of goods and environmental services relevant to food security,
- implement the Mediterranean Forest Research Agenda 2010-2020 (MFRA) by developing an ERA-NET scheme¹,
- organise a high level Mediterranean conference with all relevant stakeholders in 2012 to develop a shared vision on this regional integrated strategy.

¹ The objective of the ERA-NET scheme under the 7th Research Framework Programme of the European Commission is to develop and strengthen the coordination of national and regional research programmes through the provision of a framework for actors implementing public research programmes to coordinate their activities e.g. by developing joint activities or by mutually supporting joint calls for trans-national proposals. Under the ERA-NET scheme, national and regional authorities identify research programmes they wish to coordinate or open up mutually.