

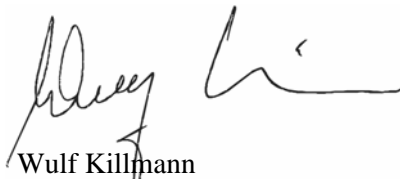
FOREWORD

The Advisory Committee on Paper and Wood Products (ACPWP) is a technical statutory body of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). It was originally established in 1959 as the Committee on Pulp and Paper, and later, in 1996, merged with the FAO Advisory Committee on Wood-based Panels.

The Committee is FAO's main contact with the private forest industry. Its mandate is to advise the FAO Director-General on activities that industries consider could usefully be undertaken by the Organization in the forestry sector. Furthermore, the Committee provides a privileged avenue of communication between FAO and the private sector, ensuring both that activities undertaken are relevant to the current issues faced by industry and that the information presented is accurate and useful.

The Committee is composed of a maximum of 25 members, appointed by the FAO Director-General, based on their experience and knowledge of the industry. Typically, senior executives of companies or associations, the members come from all regions of the world and currently represent over 90 percent of the global pulp and paper industries sector. FAO gratefully acknowledges the contribution made by Committee members who so generously donate their time and their organizations' resources in support of FAO's work.

This year's Session took place in Shanghai, the People's Republic of China, and FAO expresses its gratitude to the Government of the People's Republic of China and to the China Paper Association for their most generous invitation and their help in ensuring the success of the meeting.



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