RUSSIA: NATIONAL PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NPAC)

6th MEETING

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RESOLUTION

Upon presentation and discussion of the information from the Country ENPI FLEG Program Coordination Team, the National Program Advisory Committee (NPAC) adopted the following resolution:

1. Take note of the ENPI FLEG implementation results in Russia in the reporting period as presented by the Country Program Coordination Team (PCT), and deem them compliant with the respective Workplan.

2. Rate the performance of the PCT for the Russian Federation in the period of July-December, 2011 as satisfactory.

3. Note that under the ENPI FLEG Program, FLEG issues have been raised and discussed during international meetings under the Russia-EU dialogue, and at the level of the top management of the FFA, Chamber of Commerce of the Russian Federation and regional governments/administrations. ENPI FLEG program results were reported at such major events as:

- Presentation and discussion of the results of the ENPI FLEG program in Russia during a bilateral government meeting of the Expert Sub-Group on Forest Law Enforcement and Forest Protection of the Russia-EU Environmental Dialogue (November 7, 2011);
- Formal commencement of the WWF-coordinated public consultations on Russia’s forest policies developed in accordance with the Resolution of the Public Environmental Council under the FFA (the November 28, 2011 Meeting); and
- Official endorsement by the FFA management (Resolution adopted at the December 23, 2011 meeting) of the WB implemented project “Diagnostics of the Quality of Forest Management in the Russian Federation” developed by the PROFOR (World Bank) and FAO as a follow-up to the ENPI FLEG program.

4. Take note of the information about the implementation of the Resolution adopted at the previous NPAC Meeting (July 6, 2011).

5. Note that the instruction of the NPAC meeting of July 6, 2011 “to consider supporting proposals put forward during the June 30, 2011 meeting of the Public Environmental Council for enhancing transparency of forest authorities, intensifying information sharing with local communities and civil society, including through websites; undertaking social assessment of fire causes and methods of outreach work with stakeholders to control forest fires; and continuing to monitor program performance and impact in the pilot regions of the ENPI FLEG Program” was executed.

6. With a view to implementing paragraph 4 of the Resolution of the 5th NPAC Meeting (July 6, 2011), the PCT has been actively disseminating the products developed under the Program (methodological
recommendations, analytical and training materials, independent environmental ratings, measures to improve access to information and transparency of forest authorities and business, information products, etc.). The results of the Program are being implemented as part of the dialog between Russia and the EU on the implementation of Regulation (EU) 995/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council dated October 20, 2010 laying down the obligations of operators who place timber and timber products on the market.

7. Define as a priority (taking into account the budget limitations of the Program until the implementation completion date) the dissemination of information about issues related to law enforcement and forest management, in particular about such aspects as forest fire prevention, development of national forest policies of Russia, and monitoring of developments in the forestry sector and the positive impacts from the implementation of the ENPI FLEG Program.

8. Disseminate this Resolution to stakeholder regional authorities in the Russian Federation and inform them about the program progress and results of this NPAC meeting.

9. Keep the FFA’s Public Environmental Council informed about the program performance and about this NPAC Resolution.

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