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STATEMENT

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A global and fair climate agreement should be the goal for the United Nations Climate Change Conference Dec 7 to Dec 18 2009 in Copenhagen. The Conference should go in the direction to a natural resource policy based on forests and wood as a natural product and the most renewable raw material. In addition to agreements the forests and the sustainable forest policy including the economic, ecological and social functions, need knowledge and resources for the practical work in fulfilling all the expectations put on the forests talking about climate change.

It is important to acknowledge the possibility and contribution of forests to the efforts in reducing the global warming effect. Forests have a central role in the climate change issue and this should be taken into consideration when agreeing on the emission trade and the global climate change agreement.

Taking into consideration that the forests play a crucial role in climate change politics, Union of European Foresters (UEF) with 23 organisations in 19 countries and representing 80 000 foresters in Europe, is committed to support the global processes and efforts in reducing the global warming effect.