

ANNEX 5

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INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE EXPERTS GROUP ON ILLEGAL LOGGING AND ASSOCIATED TRADE (EGILAT)

Recommendations by Independent Assessor	Comments from member economies and/or APEC Secretariat	Suggested Action to be taken by SCE or EGILAT	Proposed timeline to implement the recommendation by SCE or EGILAT	Agreement on the suggested action (Yes/No)
RECOMMENDATIONS TO SCE				
Recommendation to SCE1. Consider the establishment of a new APEC Forestry Working Group		SCE does not support the establishment of a Forestry Working Group at this time but does encourage EGILAT to build stronger linkages with broader APEC forestry initiatives, in particular the Asia-Pacific Network for Sustainable Forest Management and Rehabilitation.	Ongoing	Yes
Recommendation to SCE2. Consider reviewing APEC funding criteria to enable illegal logging projects better access to the resources required to support the continued establishment of the group.		SCE considers that the current approach to funding criteria properly reflects overall APEC priorities. EGILAT is encouraged to design projects that will be more highly ranked.		Yes

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO SCE				
Recommendation to SCE 3. The Secretariat should enhance/ improve induction training and support for newly instituted APEC fora participants.	<u>APEC Secretariat:</u> The background to this recommendation focused primarily on project funding procedures and training for participants in newly formed groups who may not have prior APEC experience. Seminars on project funding are regularly held at major SOM clusters. We note the suggestion regarding newly formed groups and can take that on board.	As per recommendation.	Ongoing.	Yes
Recommendation to SCE 4. Consider developing and promoting models of best practice in sourcing appropriate non-APEC funding contributions – consistent with APEC protocols.	<u>APEC Secretariat:</u> Given the wide range of activities and practices undertaken in APEC fora it may be difficult to develop a model of best practice, however publishing a clear statement that fora may solicit and use non-APEC funding may be desirable and case studies of fora experience could be collected and shared among fora for information.	As per recommendation.	SCE2 2014	Yes

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO EGILAT				
Recommendation to EGILAT 1. The group should continue to raise its awareness of gender issues; and encourage involvement of women in all EGILAT activities.		As per the recommendation.	Ongoing	Yes
Recommendation to EGILAT 2. Consider and identify the capacity building needs of the developing economy members as a priority.		As per the recommendation.	SCE2 2014	Yes
Recommendation to EGILAT 3. Adopt a procedure whereby a contemporary policy topic is agreed in advance of forthcoming EGILAT meetings to facilitate a focused and active 'policy dialogue'.		As per the recommendation.	SCE2 2014	Yes
Recommendation to EGILAT 4. Establish an online policy and regulatory knowledge-sharing platform.		EGILAT to consider this recommendation.	SCE2 2014	Yes
Recommendation to EGILAT 5. Enhance and build capacity for strategic discussions of cross-cutting issues relevant to EGILAT.		As per the recommendation.	SCE2 2014	Yes
Recommendation to EGILAT 6. Explore the potential for the APEC Policy Support Unit to assist with data and policy analysis on EGILAT priority issues/ topics.		As per the recommendation.	Ongoing	Yes
Recommendation to EGILAT 7. Recognize the value of continuing to foster good links and trust among EGILAT officials.		As per the recommendation.	Ongoing	Yes
Recommendation to EGILAT 8.		As per the	SCE2 2014	Yes

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO EGILAT				
Give consideration to formalizing a member-driven leadership model for EGILAT. This could be through consideration of the establishment of new Deputy Chair role(s) or an Advisory Committee comprised of volunteers from the membership.		recommendation.		
Recommendation to EGILAT 9. Initial priority consideration be given to enhanced engagement and potential collaboration with APEC: Anti-Corruption and Transparency Working Group; Sub-Committee on Customs Procedures; and APEC Business Advisory Council.		As per the recommendation.	SCE2 2014	Yes
Recommendation to EGILAT 10. Adopt an approach to efficiently explore the relevance and potential areas of cooperation with priority APEC fora.		As per the recommendation.	SCE2 2014	Yes
Recommendation to EGILAT 11. Utilize the proposed Private Sector Dialogue to seek to identify with the private sector those areas of greatest need and shared priority with EGILAT.		As per the recommendation.	SCE2 2014	Yes
Recommendation to EGILAT 12. Adopt an approach to efficiently explore the relevance and potential areas of cooperation with priority non-APEC organizations.		As per the recommendation.	SCE2 2014	Yes