Annex 5:   The Montréal Process Value Proposition

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1.   The Montréal Process brings together countries with diverse social, economic and political situations in a voluntary forum to share ideas, address common problems, and foster collaboration toward a shared goal of sustainably managing temperate and boreal forests. The Montréal Process provides countries with an internationally-agreed framework to monitor, assess and report to their citizens using credible and relevant information that demonstrates the sustainable management of their forests.

2.   Compared with many other international forest-related initiatives, the Montréal Process is less formal, lower-cost and offers countries more flexibility in how they participate and report. It meets about once per year and relies on a liaison office and a technical advisory committee for coordination and advice. Members track the state and change in their forests using the framework to meet their domestic reporting requirements and international commitments.

3.   The Montréal Process helps to foster international consensus on reporting requirements for sustainable forest management. Through the Montréal Process, countries can engage with other Criteria and Indicators processes and forest-related international organizations to streamline reporting and improve the consistency of global forest information. The result is that national data on forests are more useful for multiple reporting requirements, more accessible to a larger audience, and more robust for improving management practices and addressing emerging policy issues.

4.   The common language and comparable data to describe progress toward sustainable forest management also helps countries engage in international discussions on emerging issues.

5.   The Montréal Process is a tangible demonstration of the success of a voluntary partnership of 12 countries that for over 20 years has been monitoring, assessing and reporting on trends in forest conditions with advice and information.