



### Annex 3

## RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE DEFINITION OF FOREST IN EXHAUSTION

### I. Background

1. Following the request by the Executive Board at its forty-ninth meeting<sup>1</sup> the A/R WG considered at its twenty-fifth meeting the experts' report on the assessment of the implications of the possible inclusion of lands with forests in exhaustion as A/R CDM project activities and agreed to recommend to the Board its input for the definition of forest in exhaustion.

### II. Input on options for definition of the forest in exhaustion

2. Based on the consideration of the first draft of the experts' report on the assessment of the implications of the possible inclusion of lands with forests in exhaustion as A/R CDM project activities the A/R WG agreed to recommend to the Board the following input on options for definition of forest in exhaustion. The recommended input is presented in the paragraph below.

“Forest in exhaustion” is area of land containing forest - established through planting, seeding and/or the human-induced promotion of natural seed sources - on 31 December 1989 and/or at the starting date of the project activity. If the land at the starting date of the project activity is forest then, in absence of the project activity, it will be converted to non-forested land through final harvesting within [X] years of starting date of the project activity. If the land at the starting date of the project activity is non-forested land then, in absence of the project activity, it is expected to remain as non-forested land.

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<sup>1</sup> See paragraphs 24 and 25 of the forty-ninth meeting report <<http://cdm.unfccc.int/EB/index.html>>.