

**JOINT STATEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE KOREA FOREST SERVICE  
AND  
THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF  
FOREST PROTECTION AND NATURE CONSERVATION,  
MINISTRY OF FORESTRY OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA  
CONCERNING  
FOREST FIRE MANAGEMENT**

We, the Chief of the Korea Forest Service and the Director General of Forest Protection and Nature Conservation, Ministry of Forestry of the Republic of Indonesia, meeting at the 17th Session of the Korea-Indonesia Forestry Committee in Jakarta on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of July, 2005, to jointly enhance the bilateral cooperation on Sustainable Forest Management including on Forest Fires,

*Recalling* the importance of our continuing efforts for forest fire prevention, with a global concern about uncontrolled wildfires growing, to protect forest resource and environment based on the characteristics of national topography,

*Noting* the progress made to date on global efforts for information sharing, including on wildfire prevention, as well as the establishment of regional partnerships, especially the ASEAN and the Northeast Asian Network,

*Affirming* that continuing cooperation plays a key role in exchange of forest resource information between the two nations and thereby contributes to reducing fire damage on the global scale,

*Commit* ourselves to further improving bilateral cooperation in Forest Fire Management.

To contribute to the efforts, we further commit ourselves

**to explore** new instruments for joint cooperation to share information and resources, that strengthen our existing efforts and activities,

**to collaborate** closely to increase exchange of information and human resources for forest fire management,

**to strengthen** joint cooperation on appropriate information technologies for scientific forest fire management,

**to set up** an Expert Group based on the purpose and area of research,

**to provide** more opportunities to strengthen communication between two nations towards effective forest fire management and thus help have a better understanding of

forest fire characteristics in the two countries,

**to continue** discussions over international research information and its current trends and have joint cooperation on research projects with the third parties,

**to promote** fire prevention partnerships by securing such common channels as holding international symposiums in support of the United Nations ISDR/GFMC (Global Fire Monitoring Center), as well as by having close cooperation with NGOs and other related agencies,

**to enhance** collaboration, in our international society, on future forest fire-related measures and actions such as establishment of international regulations relating to forest fire management and the international Fire Incident Command System.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by both parties, have signed this Joint Statement.

Done at Jakarta , in duplicate on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July, 2005, in the English language.

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