Minutes

Present:

- Eduardo Rojas Briales (Chair)
- David Ford (1st Vice Chair)
- Dradjad Wibowo (partially)
- Fatimah Mohammad
- Gerald Pfiffinger (partially)
- Guy Gleysteen (partially)
- Kurt Ramskogler
- Nurudeen Iddrisu
- Sara El Kadri
- Sarah Khatib
- Suzette Weeding

Apologies:

- Riikka Joukio (2nd Vice Chair)
- Josien Tokoe
- Lena Ek

In attendance:

- Michael Berger (Acting Secretary General, for agenda items 1-5)
- Marta Martinez Pardo (Technical Manager, for agenda items 1-5)
1. **AGENDA**

1.1 Declarations of potential conflicts of interest with agenda

- Guy Gleysteen declared a conflict of interest for agenda item 4.3 and announced to leave the meeting during this agenda item.

**BOD/23/2022** Unanimously agreed:
- To approve the Agenda.

1.2 Affiliations update

- Changes in the Board Affiliation Register were made for Sara El Kadri, Kurt Ramskogler and Eduardo Rojas Briales.

**BOD/24/2022** Unanimously agreed:
- To approve the Board Affiliations Register as amended.

2. **MINUTES**

**BOD/25/2022** Unanimously agreed:
- To appoint the Acting Secretary General to provide the minutes to the Board members and to respond within 5 work days if changes necessary.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Trade Register Updates

**BOD/26/2022** Unanimously agreed:
- To confirm and approve the changes in the Board composition and the signatory rights as defined in the document “Trade Register updates – Changes”

3.2 Establishment of the PEFC Working Group “EU”

**BOD/27/2022** Agreed with one abstention:
- To approve the Terms of Reference for the “EU” Working Group of the Board
- To appoint Lena Ek as Chair of the Working Group
- To appoint Kurt Ramskogler as representative of the Chair.

4. **TECHNICAL ITEMS**

4.1 Suspension of the Belarussian Forest Certification System

**BOD/28/2022** Unanimously agreed:
- To suspend the endorsement of the National Forest Certification System of Belarus for 6 months. The suspension shall continue until a revised scheme documentation is available.
4.2 PEFC Russia

BOD/29/2022 Unanimously agreed:
- To appoint the Executive Committee of the Board to send a written warning to PEFC Russia. The warning shall contain
  - a request
    - to immediately stop all communication that can be considered as violation of PEFC Council's rules
  - to withdraw the decision of the PEFC Russia Board of Directors dated 30 March 2022, published on the website of PEFC Russia on 31 March 2022
  - to follow the clarification concerning conflict timber
  - an announcement to immediately suspend the endorsement of the Russian certification system if the request will not be met within 10 workdays after receipt of the letter
  - an announcement that the administration contract with PEFC Russia will be immediately terminated if the request will not be met within further 10 workdays.
- To assess as Board after the expiry of each deadline and before the next step is enforced whether there is sufficient evidence that PEFC Russia complies with the above listed request or not.

4.3 SFI chain of custody endorsement

BOD/30/2022 Unanimously agreed:
- To recommend the endorsement of the SFI 2022 Chain of Custody standard to the General Assembly in a postal ballot.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Applications for Reductions NGB Membership Fees 2022

BOD/31/2022 Unanimously agreed:
- To approve the applications for reduction of 2022 Membership Fee for New Zealand of a further 5'206 CHF, Macedonia of 1'393 CHF and Belarus of 82'055 CHF.

6. IN CAMERA
- CEO search process

Signed:

Eduardo Rojas Briales, Chair

Michael Berger, Acting Secretary General