

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONVENTION PLACING THE
INTERNATIONAL POPLAR CONVENTION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK
OF THE FAO**

Convention on the International Commission on Poplars and Other Fast-Growing Trees

Sustaining People and the Environment

Article I – Status

The International Commission on Poplars and Other Fast-Growing Trees Sustaining People and the Environment (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) which is placed within the framework of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (hereinafter referred to as “the Organization”) shall be governed by the provisions of Article XIV of the Constitution of the Organization and by the present Convention.

Article II – Membership

1. Member Nations of the Commission shall be such Member Nations or Associate Members of the Organization as accept this Convention in accordance with the provisions of Article XIII of this Convention.
2. The Commission may, by a two-thirds majority of its membership, admit to membership such other States that are Members of the United Nations, any of its Specialized Agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency as have submitted an application for membership and a declaration made in a formal instrument that they accept this Convention as in force at the time of admission.
3. Member Nations and Associate Members of the Organization that are not Members of the Commission may upon request, be represented as observers at sessions of the Commission. Non-member States of the Organization that are Members of the United Nations, any of its Specialized Agencies of the International Atomic Energy Agency may, upon request, be represented as observers at sessions of the Commission, subject to the provisions relating to the granting of observer status to Nations adopted by the Conference of the Organization.