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FSC STATEMENT ABOUT GREENPEACE INTERNATIONAL

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FSC International and Greenpeace International move on to a new phase of stakeholder relationship

Greenpeace International has informed the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) that it will discontinue its international membership with FSC for the year 2018.

In line with its overall decentralization approach, Greenpeace will allow national offices to determine if and how to best engage with FSC and forest management more broadly. To that extent, Greenpeace has already confirmed that they will maintain their membership in [Canada](#), the [United States](#), New Zealand and Finland, with several more to be expected. FSC is excited to continue collaborating closely with these.

FSC believes this decision moves individual organizations inside Greenpeace International away from working on the responsible management of natural forests, even when certified to the world's most trusted standard. In FSC's view, forest protection cannot stand alone without responsible management to help protect and maintain the world's forests.

FSC forest certification is a necessary tool to enhance and ensure economic, social and environmental forest values, including the protection of important biodiversity areas such as High Conservation Value forests and FSC intends to continue playing a frontrunner role in this area.

FSC is appreciative of Greenpeace International for its many contributions to enhance and improve our positive impact on sustainable management of the world's forests over the years. For example, we have jointly made significant progress to enhance the protection of Intact Forest Landscapes and have started a valuable discussion on wider landscape protection approaches.

Our Policy for Association, a unique mechanism to FSC which ensures that companies that are associated with us or wish to be carry out their business following strict ethical and environmental guidelines, was also created with contributions from Greenpeace International.

FSC remains Greenpeace International's only choice for forest management certification, trusting our principles and criteria and governance model and we look forward to continuing to engage constructively with them going forward, a commitment they have confirmed.



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The decision by Greenpeace International does not change the dynamics nor focus of FSC's chamber balanced consensus approach, as numerous other international environmental organizations continue to play a central role in shaping our policies.

It also does not affect the quality of our standards for responsible forest management. FSC will continue to work effectively to address the challenges faced by global responsible forest management and will do so with the highest of ethical and professional commitment.

Companies and consumers worldwide can continue to trust the FSC label as the best guarantee to responsibly sourced forest materials and a leader in forest certification.

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