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FOREST MINISTERS RELEASE DRAFT OF CANADA'S NEXT FOREST STRATEGY: "A VISION FOR CANADA'S FORESTS: 2008 AND BEYOND"

OTTAWA – The Canadian Council of Forest Ministers (CCFM) is pleased to seek public input on the draft *Vision for Canada's Forests: 2008 and Beyond.*

The draft Vision is a significant milestone in the development of a long-term vision for Canada's forests. It focuses on two key priority issues – forest sector transformation and climate change – within the overall context of sustainable forest management.

The document reflects the valuable feedback and advice provided by a broad range of stakeholders since June 2007 on the discussion paper, *Canada's Forest Strategy for 2008 and Beyond*.

The CCFM will continue to engage with and seek input from stakeholders in the development of Canada's next forest strategy in preparation for its release in September 2008. Over the next 45 days (March 31 to May 15, 2008), Canadians are encouraged to provide their views and input on the draft Vision by emailing the CCFM at 2008strategy@ccfm.org.

The draft *Vision for Canada's Forests: 2008 and Beyond* is available to the public through the CCFM website www.ccfm.org.

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