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REPORT OF THE FIRE MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP (FMWG)

PERIOD: June 2014 – December 2015

1. WORKING GROUP COMPOSITION

Chairperson	Country	Organization
Bill de Groot (2014)	Canada	Canadian Forest Service
Tom Harbour (2015)	USA	U.S. Forest Service
Member Names	Country	Organization
Alfredo Nolasco Morales	Mexico	CONAFOR
Juan Manuel Frausto Leyva	Mexico	FMCN
Jose German Flores	Mexico	INIFAP
Francisco Javier Medina Gonzalez	Mexico	CONANP
Bill de Groot	Canada	Canadian Forest Service
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Tom Harbour	USA	US Forest Service
Jim Douglas	USA	Dept of Interior, OWF
Carlos Rodriguez Franco	USA	US Forest Service
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2. (A) LIST OF ACTIVITIES COMPLETED DURING THE PAST 2 YEARS

Activity	Location	Date	Status (completed ongoing)
2014 FMWG meeting	Nova Scotia	November 2014	completed
2015 FMWG meeting	Phoenix, AZ	November 2015	completed
Draft international strategy implementation	Multiple	November 2015	ongoing
Sponsor 6 th International Wildland Fire Conference	Korea	October 2015	completed
Mexico/USA support to Central America in fire management activities	Central America	2014-2015	ongoing
North America bilateral agreements	North America	2014-2015	ongoing
Australasia study tour	Australasia	2014	completed
Mexico/USA fire management exchanges	North America	2014-2015	ongoing
Chile, Costa Rica, Mexico study tour	Canada	September 2014	completed
Mexico sponsor Brazil participant to FMWG meeting	Phoenix, AZ	November 2015	completed

2. (B) PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT 2 YEARS

Activity	Location	Date	Status (ongoing/new)
FMWG meeting	Puebla, MX	November 2016	new
FMWG meeting	Canada	2017	new
North America study tour	North America	October 2016	new
International Strategy implementation	Multiple	2016-2017	new
Mexico/USA support to Central America	Central America	2016-2017	new
Sponsor 7 th International Wildland Fire Conference	Brazil	2019	ongoing
Mexico/USA fire management exchanges	North America	2016-2017	ongoing

3. WORKING GROUP FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS AND/OR NETWORKING

Period 2014 – 2015

Activity	Amount US\$ (cash)	Amount US\$ (in-kind)
Capacity building in Mesoamerican region with support from Mexico, Canada and USA		Estimate 80 000

4. REQUEST FOR FUNDING AND/OR OTHER SUPPORT

The FMWG requests funding to pay for travel of one participant from Latin America and South America to attend the annual FMWG meeting to foster interaction and collaboration between the working groups.

Amount of funding requested: US\$4 000.00

Relation to the group's objectives and action plan: This request meets objective 3 of the FMWG which states: "Actively support and participate in international fire management programmes with fire management agencies throughout the world by developing and promoting activities that support international cooperation and development".

Benefits anticipated: The FMWG continues to look for opportunities to build closer ties with our colleagues in Latin America and South America to promote increased communication, collaboration and promotion of the FAO Fire Management Voluntary Guidelines.

Date by which funding is required: 1 October 2016

Impact of not carrying out the specified activities: The FMWG will lose the opportunity to enhance collaboration between our individual working groups and further the implementation of the FAO Fire Management Voluntary Guidelines.

5. CLOSING REMARKS

None