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**Host Agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and the European Forest Institute (EFI) on the establishment of an office of the Institute in Spain. Madrid, 28 July 2011**

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**Espagne  
et  
Institut forestier européen**

**Accord de pays hôte entre le Royaume d'Espagne et l'Institut forestier européen (IFE) sur la mise en place d'un bureau de l'Institut en Espagne. Madrid, 28 juillet 2011**

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[ ENGLISH TEXT – TEXTE ANGLAIS ]

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EUROPEAN FOREST INSTITUTE (EFI) ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
AN OFFICE OF THE INSTITUTE IN SPAIN**

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The KINGDOM OF SPAIN

and

The EUROPEAN FOREST INSTITUTE;

Having regard the Convention establishing the European Forest Institute, done in Joensuu, Finland, on 28th August 2003, entered into force for Spain on 4th September 2005 (hereinafter referred to as “the Convention”), conferring to the Institute international legal personality;

Responding to the desire of the Institute to establish formally an Office in Spain (hereinafter referred to as “the Office”) that will include a new Policy Advice component and the Mediterranean Regional Office (EFIMED), already established in Barcelona.

Wishing to conclude an Agreement to rule the establishment and functioning of the Office, as well as the privileges and immunities to be granted by Spain to the Institute for the successful accomplishment of the mission of its staff;

Have agreed as follows:

**Article 1**

**Definitions**

For the purposes of the present Agreement:

- (a) “Spain” means the Kingdom of Spain;
- (b) the references to “the Institute” shall be understood as referred to the European Forest Institute ;
- (c) The expression “officials of the Institute” or “Officials” means the Director of the Institute and all members of the staff of the institute, irrespective of nationality, with the exception of those who have been locally recruited;

(d) The expression “experts on missions” or “Experts” means persons, other than officials of the Institute, undertaking missions for the Institute;

(e) The expression “personnel” means all members of the staff of the institute, including the Director of the Institute;

(f) The expression “Associate and Affiliate Members at the Conference” means those Members considered as such in the Convention.

(g) “Dependant relatives of the Official” means:

- Spouse, provided that the marriage has not been the subject of an annulment or divorce, or partner with whom a union similar to marriage is in force and is of public record in a registry established for such purpose in another State.
- Unmarried children under the age of 18 depending on their parents, or children under 23 studying in institutions of higher education and economically dependent on their parents.
- Unmarried children dependent on their parents and having some physical or mental disability.

(h) “resident in Spain” means anyone so regarded in accordance with the Spanish law;

(i) “appropriate authorities” means the national, regional or local authorities of Spain, as the context may require, in accordance with the law of Spain;

(j) “premises of the Institute” means land, buildings and parts of buildings normally occupied by the Institute for the fulfilment of its official functions.

## **Article 2**

### **Site**

1. Spain and the Institute agree to establish the Office in Barcelona, Spain.
2. The Policy Advice component of the Office will have as its main task advising on forestry related policies and emerging issues.
3. The EFIMED component of the Office shall implement the duties of the Institute related to the Mediterranean area.

### **Article 3**

#### **Legal status**

1. The Institute, which is an international organisation, shall enjoy such legal capacity as may be necessary for the exercise of its functions and the fulfilment of its purposes in the entire territory of Spain.
2. It shall, in particular, have the capacity to contract, to acquire and dispose of immovable and movable property, and to be a party to legal proceedings.

### **Article 4**

#### **Academic freedom**

The Institute shall enjoy the academic freedom required for the achievement of its purposes, with particular reference to the choice of subjects and methods of research and training, the selection of persons and institutions to share in its task, and freedom of expression.

### **Article 5**

#### **Immunity from legal process**

1. The Institute and its property, wherever located and by whomsoever held, shall enjoy immunity from every form of legal process, except insofar as in any particular case the Institute has expressly waived its immunity. It is, however, understood that no such waiver of immunity shall extend to any measure of execution except insofar as the Institute has expressly waived this immunity. The property of the Institute, wherever located and by whomsoever held, shall be immune also from search, requisition, confiscation, expropriation and any other form of interference, whether by executive, administrative, judicial or legislative action.
2. The initiation by the Institute of legal proceedings shall result in the waiver of its immunity in the event of reconvention.
3. The Institute shall not enjoy immunity in respect of civil actions by a third party for damage arising from an accident caused by a motor vehicle belonging to, or operated on behalf of, the Institute, or in respect of a motor traffic offence involving such a vehicle.