

Building and Wood Workers' International Statement on the Outcome on Motion 50 Vote

The Building and Wood Workers' International (BWI) respects the outcome of the vote taken by the members of the FSC General Assembly. We would like to thank and commend our supporters.

However, we would like to officially raise our serious concerns over the deliberation and voting process of Motion 50. There are several events during the deliberations that we would like to highlight.

Foremost, we question whether the point of order the FSC General Assembly delegates are to vote on the Title of Motion or the actual entire text of the Motion 50, specifically the proposed clauses that will revise the current Chain of Custody Standards. When this point was raised, the FSC secretariat provided mixed opinions until a lawyer clarified to the General Assembly delegates, that they are being asked to vote on the entirety of the text of the Motion.

Second, questions surrounding voting on the Title or text of Motion 50 was raised after several other motions had already been deliberated and voted. Thus, we cannot help but raise concerns regarding the process specific to Motion 50.

Finally, not to be taken lightly is the fact that the FSC General Assembly livestream crashed during the time of the deliberations surrounding Motion 50.

The above points which we have highlighted raise serious concerns as to the fairness of the deliberation and voting process of Motion 50.

Thus, the BWI official requests the following:

1. Demand the full transcripts of all forms including written text, video clips, and audio segments of the deliberations pertaining to Motion 50. These materials should be made available to BWI within two weeks after the FSC General Assembly.
2. FSC create a committee that is chamber balanced and work with the BWI to review these materials. The review should be completed by January 2018.

We believe these procedures are necessary and important as regards to the following:

1. FSC to improve its Protocol on Voting Procedures of the General Assembly and other relevant statutory documents so that it is incorporated during the General Assembly, when delegates are asked to vote for the entirety of Motions.
2. The BWI delegation that has participated at the FSC General Assembly will report to the BWI 4th World Congress that will take place in November 30 to December 1, 2017 in Durban, South Africa, where there will be a review as to future engagement with FSC and BWI in light of the proceedings of the General Assembly.