1. Profile

Name of organization: Gabungan Pengusaha Kelapa Sawit Indonesia (GAPKI) 
Indonesian Palm Oil Producer Association

Membership type (Ordinary/Affiliate)

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2. Details of Progress

A. Current efforts and progress in producing, procuring and/or utilizing sustainable palm oil

As an association, we do not directly involve in producing, procuring and utilizing sustainable palm oil.

B. Implementation and/or sponsorship of projects/initiatives that promote sustainable palm oil

20 July 2004: 1st Meeting of RT2 Steering Committee (RT2SC) in Medan.

21 July 2004: Briefing 2nd Roundtable Meeting on Sustainable Palm Oil in Medan, attended by members of GAPKI (palm oil producers), palm oil processors, palm oil research, government, banks and university. Objective: To promote the sustainable production and use palm oil based on economic, social and environmental viability.
6 September 2004: 2nd Meeting of RT2 Steering Committee and Organizing Committee in Jakarta.

9 September 2004: Attended National Roundtable Meeting on Sustainable Palm Oil in Jakarta (hosted by GAPKI and Indonesian Palm Oil Committee).

4-6 October 2004: 2nd Roundtable Meeting on Sustainable Palm Oil in Jakarta and 1st General Assembly of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil in Jakarta.

C. Significant economic, social or environmental problems encountered in production, procurement and/or use of sustainable palm oil and efforts made to mitigate or resolve them

The main problem faced by some of the plantation companies is around land usage. People surrounding the estate claim that land belongs to them, although the companies have the land permit from the Government. Most of our members settled the problem by social approach and community development.

D. Outlook of planned activities to promote sustainable palm oil production, promotion and/or use in the next reporting period

To continue conducting seminars, workshops and jointly with Indonesian Oil Palm Research Institute (IOPRI), to conduct training and workshops for members.

E. Recent publications of environmental / social / sustainability reports or annual reports relating to the objectives and tasks of RSPO

Reports on environmental/social/sustainability are in our monthly bulletin distributed to all GAPKI’s members and posted on our website.

F. Recognition and awards for excellence in promoting sustainable palm oil
G. Suggestions on how the RSPO can play an active role in enhancing your organization’s sustainability performance, particularly in relation to promoting sustainable palm oil

To supply us with the latest information on sustainable palm oil and the experience of other producers outside Indonesia who has implemented the criteria of sustainable palm oil.

H. Other activities