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Excellency,

Further to the input of the thirteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF13) submitted to the 2018 meeting of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) and in response to paragraph 30 of the UNFF13 resolution on the subject matter, I am pleased to transmit herewith the Chair's Summary of the Event on Forests held on 8 July 2018 at the United Nation Headquarters, New York, in conjunction with the 2018 meeting of the HLPF.

The event was entitled "Forest-based Transformation towards Sustainable and Resilient Societies: Lessons Learned and Success Stories" and held based on the initiative of the UNFF13 Bureau and in co-sponsorship with Brazil, Burkina Faso, Canada, Malaysia, and the Russian Federation. The interactive discussion among representatives of Member States, United Nations entities, and other intergovernmental and Major Groups organizations highlighted partnerships and synergies among stakeholders in order to accelerate the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 15 as well as other goals under in-depth review by the 2018 HLPF.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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