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Excellency,

In reference to your letter dated 26 November 2018 inviting the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) to provide its substantive input to the 2019 meeting of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) to be convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, I am pleased to enclose herewith the UNFF's input to the 2019 HLPF.

The input was prepared based on the technical discussions and exchange of experiences held during the Fourteenth Session of the UNFF (UNFF14, 6-10 May 2019) with a focus on three thematic priorities: i) Forests and climate change (SDG 13); ii) Forests, inclusive and sustainable economic growth and employment (SDG 8); and iii) Forests, peaceful and inclusive societies, reduced inequality, education, and inclusive institutions at all levels (SDG 4, 10 and 16).

This input uses your suggested template and highlights key forest-related issues in connection with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under in-depth review by the 2019 HLPF. This input accompanies the initial UNFF14 Bureau's input to the 2019 HLPF submitted on 7 March 2019.

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

Sincerely,



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