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Excellency,

In reference to your letter dated 1 December 2020, I am pleased to enclose herewith the input of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) to the forthcoming session of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) to be convened in July 2021.

The input was prepared based on the technical discussions held during the sixteenth session of UNFF (UNFF16, 26-29 April 2021) with a focus on three thematic priorities for UNFF16 and UNFF17: (i) Reversing the loss of forest cover; (ii) Enhancing forest-based economic, social and environmental benefits; and (iii) mobilizing financial resources and strengthening scientific and technical cooperation; promoting governance frameworks to advance implementation; and enhancing cooperation, coordination and coherence for sustainable forest management.

This input uses the template suggested in your letter and highlights key issues, actions and recommendations in connection with the thematic and in-depth review of the Sustainable Development Goals for inclusion in the HLPF ministerial declaration. This input accompanies the initial UNFF16 Bureau's input to the 2021 HLPF submitted on 26 February 2021.

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

Yours sincerely,



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