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Excellency,

In reference to your letter dated 23 November 2021, I am pleased to enclose herewith the input of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) to the forthcoming 2022 session of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF).

The input was prepared based on the policy discussions held during the seventeenth session of UNFF (UNFF17, 9-13 May 2022) that focused on three thematic priorities for the UNFF16-UNFF17 biennium: (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 UNFF17 Bureau's input to the 2022 HLPF submitted on 28 February 2022.

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

Sincerely,

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