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The United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat
Department of Economic Social Affairs
is pleased to invite you to the

**Special Event of the UN General Assembly
to commemorate the adoption of the
Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests**

on Monday, 17 December 2007 from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm,
at the UN General Assembly Hall

The Special Event is being convened to mark the adoption of this historic agreement on international forest policy and cooperation. The Instrument is the first of its kind, and reflects the strong international commitment to promote implementation of sustainable forest management through a new, more holistic approach that brings all stakeholders together.

Opening Statement: **H.E. Dr. Srgjan Kerim**, *President of the 62nd session of the UN General Assembly*

Statements by the UN Secretariat:

Mr. Sha Zukang, *Under-Secretary-General, DESA* and
Mr. Pekka Patosaari, *Director, United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat*

Statements by the Regional Groups:

High-level representative from African States (name tba),
H.E. Ambassador Ali'ioaiga Feturi Elisaia, *Permanent Representative of the
Independent State of Samoa to the United Nations,*
H.E. Mr. Martin Roze, *Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Latvia,*
H.E. Ambassador Camillo Gonsalves, *Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and
the Grenadines to the United Nations and*
H.E. Ms. Ursula Heinen, *Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Food,
Agriculture and Consumer Protection, Germany*

Statements by former and current United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) Bureau Chairs:

Mr. Hans Hoogeveen, *Director of International Affairs,
Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food, The Netherlands and*
Dr. Boen M. Purnama, *Secretary General, Ministry of Forestry, Indonesia*

Members of the Permanent Missions, Secretariat Staff, Representatives of Intergovernmental and accredited Non-governmental Organizations and the Media are invited to attend.

For more information please call the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat,
Department of Economic and Social Affairs at **(212) 963- 3401**