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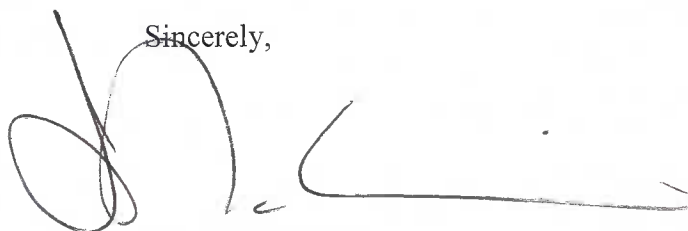
In reference to the letter UNFF-13-L-HMM-219, dated 16 July 2013, I wish to inform you that the Bureau of UNFF11 during its recent meeting decided to extend the deadline for submitting the views and proposals of Member States and other stakeholders on the International Arrangement on Forests (IAF) up to 30 November 2013. The decision was made to allow sufficient time for Member States and stakeholders to provide their input on the important issue of the IAF for consideration of the first meeting of the ad hoc expert group (AHEG1) on the IAF, which is supposed to be held in February 2014.

To facilitate submission of views, a format (attached) was prepared and sent to all stakeholders as an attachment to the above-mentioned letter. An electronic copy of this format can be found at <http://www.un.org/esa/forests/docs/Views-on-IAF.doc>). Member States and other relevant stakeholders are invited to download this format and use it to submit their views and proposals, as per the guidelines in the cover page of the format, to the UNFF Secretariat by 30 November 2013.

On behalf of the UNFF11 Bureau, I would also like to indicate that after submission of the above-mentioned input by 30 November 2013, there will be further opportunity for stakeholders to provide additional and supplementary views and proposals on the IAF in preparation for the second meeting of the meeting of the ad hoc expert group (AHEG2). The detailed information on this matter will be communicated to you at an appropriate time.

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

Sincerely,

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Macharia Kamau
Chair of the UNFF11 Bureau

To:

- All Permanent Missions in New York
- UNFF National Focal Points
- Members of the UNFF Bureau
- UNFF Director
- Other relevant stakeholders