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THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ECUADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests and pursuant Note Verbale Nro. 4-2-145 / 2016 and UNFF-16-MSF-L-154 of 28 July 2016 and, notwithstanding the deadline for submitting views / comments on the proposals of the AHEG Co Chairs on i) options and building blocks for the 2017 – 2030 Strategic Plan for the International Arrangement on Forest, and ii) on the Quadrennial Programme of work for the period 2017 – 2020, would like to present for your consideration the following inputs:

Ecuador considers that the "2017-2030 Strategic Plan provides the technical inputs of a political nature and means of implementation for achieving the goals proposed in Agenda 2030 highlighting the benefits inherent to sustainability of forests at the global level. At the same time emphasize the historical challenge of climate change, loss of forests, deforestation and degradation, resulting in the loss of biodiversity".

Ecuador supports the Components, Partners and objectives of the IAF

In addition, Ecuador wishes to convey the following proposals for the consideration of the UNFF:

- a) To promote the implementation of standardized methodologies at a regional level in order to measure the benefits provided by forests, through a gender-based participatory approach.
- b) To promote ground-based official data statistics on the social and economic benefits of the forests and its contribution to generate formal employment and its share on the GDP of each country.
- c) Regarding the forest-related aspects of the SDGs, Ecuador suggests to link them with the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, part of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.
- d) To take advantage of the expertise on Paris Agreement and relevant Multilateral Environmental Agreements to build up strategies for follow up and review strategies, in order to produce and utilize reliable statistics to guarantee the permanent conservation of forests and the well-being of the population.

Finally and among the operational priority actions 2017-2020, Ecuador would like to emphasize the "implementation and technical advice" on operative matters resulting from the resolution UNFF, which should be applied specially in regions with the highest levels of deforestation and forest / land degradation.

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THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ECUADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS
avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations
Forum on Forests the assurance of its highest consideration.

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