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The Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat in New York, and refers to your Note UNFF-17-HMM-L-382 dated 3 October 2017 encouraging Member States to announce their Voluntary National Contributions towards achieving one or more of the global forest goals and targets, of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030.

In this regard, the New Zealand Permanent Mission to the United Nations presents the following Voluntary National Contribution:

New Zealand, through the Government's recently announced "One Billion Trees Programme", will plant one billion trees over the next ten years.

This goal represents 500 million new trees being planted, in addition to the replanting of an estimated 500 million trees by our commercial forestry sector.

The tree planting will benefit regional economies, the environment and the people. It will support the commercial forestry sector, and create more jobs and training opportunities in regions where unemployment is high and there are social challenges.

The tree planting will support New Zealand's climate change objectives. Planting trees is a sustainable and effective contribution towards achieving our climate change commitments under the Paris Agreement.

New planting will include both exotics and natives species, in a mix of permanent and harvestable forestry, on private, public and Maori-owned land.

This Voluntary National Contribution supports:

Global Forest Goal 1: Reverse the loss of forest cover worldwide through sustainable forest management, including protection, restoration, afforestation and reforestation, and increase efforts to prevent forest degradation and contribute to the global effort of addressing climate change.

- Target 1.1: Forest area is increased by three per cent worldwide.
- Target 1.2 The world's forest carbon stocks are maintained or enhanced.
- Target 1.3 By 2020, promote the implementation of sustainable management of all types of forests, halt deforestation, restore degraded forests and substantially increase afforestation and reforestation globally.

Global Forest Goal 2: Enhance forest-based economic, social and environmental benefits, including by improving the livelihoods of forest-dependent people.

- Target 2.4: The contribution of forest industry, other forest-based enterprises and forest ecosystem services to social, economic and environmental development, among other things, is significantly increased.
- Target 2.5 The contribution of all types of forests to biodiversity conservation and climate change mitigation and adaptation is enhanced, taking into account the mandates and ongoing work of relevant conventions and instruments.

The New Zealand Permanent Mission to the United Nations takes this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat assurances of its highest consideration.

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