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The Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests and wishes to refer to its letter dated October 25, 2013 with reference UNFF-13_HMM-L-284.

In this regard, the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations has the pleasure to enclose its submission of views and proposals on the international arrangement on forests (IAF).

The Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests the assurances of its highest consideration. *CLR*

December 2, 2013

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United Nations Forum on Forests
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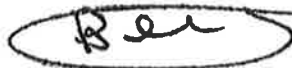
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Distinguido señor Ministro

Cortésmente, y en atención a la comunicación 6448, de fecha 23/10/13 de la Secretaría del Foro de Bosques de las Naciones Unidas, en la que invita a los Estados Miembros a someter sus propuesta relativa al Acuerdo Internacional sobre los Bosques. En ese sentido, estamos remitiendo la propuesta del Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales para la posición del país en lo que respecta al citado acuerdo.

Le reiteramos nuestro sentimiento de alta estima a hacia persona.

Atentamente,



Dr. Bautista Rojas Gómez
Ministro de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales



**Format for Soliciting Views and Proposals on the International Arrangement on Forests (IAF)
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Section A: Full range of options for the IAF

A.1 Please select (with X in front of the options below) and explain the preferred option for the future of the IAF:

- A legally binding instrument on all types of forests
- Strengthening of the current IAF
- Continuation of the current IAF
- Other options (please describe) -

Section B: Performance of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) and its processes since 2000, and future options for UNFF

B.1 Please explain if you consider the current UNFF structure and its biennial sessions as sufficient to take necessary actions and to provide policy advice and guidance on all issues related to all types of forests and at all levels: It is necessary to hold biennial sessions for decision making and introduce intersessional preparatory meetings.

B.2 Please describe the UNFF's performance and list its key achievements in implementing its principal functions, as stated in ECOSOC resolutions 2000/35 and 2006/49⁴:

B.3 Please provide your view on the future options for the UNFF: It is important to continue strengthening the UNFF creating mechanisms and developing new tools to assist countries to the adoption of policies related to forests.

⁴ Please see these documents at:

- http://www.un.org/esa/forests/pdf/2000_35_E.pdf
- http://www.un.org/esa/forests/pdf/iaf/2006_49_E.pdf

B.4 Please describe the potential roles for UNFF in implementing the UN post-2015 development agenda and the SDGs: The potential roles for UNFF in implementing the UN post-2015, could be:

1. Improving the income of poor communities who derive their livelihoods from forest,
2. Improving the quality and quantity of water, and therefore the access of the population to this natural resource.

3. Increasing the provision of products (edible or not) to the population.

B.5 Please describe the role and impact of Country-Led Initiatives and ad hoc expert groups in the work of the UNFF:

B.6 Please indicate how effective you consider the engagement of major groups in the work of the UNFF and provide suggestions on their further engagement: The commitment of the major groups has been important to maintain the operation of the UNFF, both exercising leadership, as in the provision of funds for its operation. It is necessary that these groups continue to exercise their leadership and support initiatives aimed at giving a higher status UNFF initiatives.

B.7 Please explain the role and impact of the International Year of Forests and the International Day of Forests in promoting greater awareness and strengthening political and public commitment for forests: Both days have served to promote the importance of forests in social sectors and institutions that do not have a high interest in forests.

Section C: The Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests (Forest Instrument) and the four Global Objectives on Forests (GOFs)

C.1 Please indicate progress in the implementation of the forest instrument:

- Adequate
 Inadequate
 Not sure

C.2 Please provide suggestions on how to improve progress:

C.3 Please indicate progress in achieving the GOFs:

	Adequate	Inadequate	Not sure
GOF1:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GOF2:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GOF3:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GOF4:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.4 Please provide suggestions on how to improve progress:

C.5 Please explain how implementation of the forest instrument has contributed to the implementation of forest-related international conventions, and vice versa: An example of how the forest have been applied instruments, the REDD + initiative in the framework of the UNFCCC, which is becoming one of the instruments for climate change mitigation, through the management of forests.

C.6 Please describe how the forest instrument and the GOFs can contribute to the post-2015 UN development agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals:

Section D: The Forum's Secretariat

D.1 Please indicate if you consider the structure, human and financial resources of the compact Secretariat of the UNFF adequate to fulfill its mandates:

- Adequate
 Inadequate
 Not sure

Additional explanation:

D.2 Please provide suggestion(s) on strengthening the Secretariat of the Forum to enable it to fulfill its functions more effectively: It is necessary the creation of permanent mechanisms for managing the decisions of countries as well as the facilitation of the flow of information between stakeholders. Also, the Secretariat of the Forum needs more resources to provide the services demanded.

D.3 Please provide suggestion(s) on how the Forum Secretariat's role, as a CPF member and as CPF secretariat, should be strengthened: The roles of the forum can be strengthened by establishing a stronger agreement with major commitments of the parties.

Section E: CPF and CPF Member Organizations

E.1 Please explain the impacts and sufficiency of the programs and actions taken by CPF and CPF member organizations in implementing resolutions and supporting the work of UNFF since its inception: The impact that has resulted from the application of this instrument is difficult to determine, however, some results are visible and reflected in an increase in forest cover in developing countries.

E.2 Please describe how the CPF and its member organizations can further contribute to the work of the UNFF, and how to ensure availability of necessary resources for its activities in support of the work of the Forum:

Section F: Financing options and strategies

F.1 Please provide views on financing options and strategies, including the creation of a voluntary Global Forest Fund, to generate resources from all sources for sustainable management of all types of forests and trees outside forests:

F.2 Please suggest concrete steps that UNFF, CPF members and other organizations should undertake to develop forest financing options: