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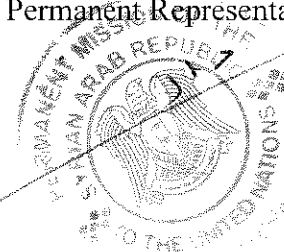
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The Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the of the United Nations Forum on Forest in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and following the secretariat's letter dated 25 October 2013, regarding request for submission of views and proposals on the international arrangement on forest IAF, The Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations has the honor to attach herewith a CD and format which include views and proposals of the Ministry of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform in Syrian Arab Republic responding on the above mentioned letter.

The Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations avails itself of its opportunity to the Secretariat of the United Nations Forest Forum, and the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Attachment: 2 Pages and CD

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Section A:

* A legally binding instrument on all types of forest

Section B:

B.1- According that the changes which occur in forest sector happens gradually, so the period 2 years to held UNFF meeting and its current structure is suitable

B.2- UNFFs achieves through ECOSOC Resolution 2000/35 8 and ECOSOC Resolution 2006/49 9 an useful instrument by establishing the United Nations Forum on forest as an intergovernmental body on sustainable forest management

One of the strong point that the United Nations Forum on forest considers

-to promote the sustainable management of all types of forest.

- to promote the implementations of internationally agreed actions on forests at national, regional and global levels .

- to enhance cooperation as well as policy and program coordination on forest-related issues among relevant international and regional organizations, institutions and instruments as well to contribute to synergies among them, including coordination among donors

- to enhance the contribution of forest to achievement of the internationally agreed development goals

B.3- UNFF have to consider on biodiversity, Climate changes, and economic values of forest ecosystems

B.4- UNFF will plays decisive role in implementing the UN post-2015 development agenda and the SDGs

B.5 – County-led initiative and ad hoc hoe expert group have an important role and impact, they give learn lesson, and give pioneer case for work groups, they add values through their experience.

B.6- it will gives good chance to enhance information exchange, and feedback.

B.7- The international year of forest and the international day of forest form good occasion for public awareness to the importance of forest and its direct and indirect benefit and other services, and to indicate to the threatened forest.

Section C:

C.1- Adequate

C.2- No suggestions, the progress adequate

C.3- GOF1 : Adequate

GOF2: Adequate

GOF 3: Adequate

GOF 4: Adequate

C.4- The progress is adequate .

C.5- through : ECOSOC Resolution 2000/35 8, ECOSOC Resolution 2006/49 9, resolution 1 of UNFF7 and its annex 10. Resolution 2 of UNFF10 11

C.6- through : country-led initiative ad hoc expert, training, work-groups, exchange knowledge.

Section D:

D.1- Adequate

D.2- Establishment work-groups at regional and global levels .

D.3- Establishment an interactive network.

Section E:

E.1-They have good impacts on implementation of sustainable forest management, and they are sufficient

E.2- through increasing and enhancement of cooperation between CPF and UNFF

Section F:

F.1- Applied binding tax on the investment in forest, creation of voluntary global forest fund

F.2- Specification continues fund, and continues tax, especially from developed country