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Dear Colleagues,

I wish to refer to paragraph 22 of ECOSOC resolution 2022/17, in which the Council requested the UNFF Secretariat to amend the format for voluntary national reporting, taking into account the suggestions and proposals received from members of the Forum, and to conduct a pilot phase for the use of the refined format in interested countries and report on the progress made to the Forum at its eighteenth session.

In fulfilling this mandate, it is our pleasure to inform that the Secretariat has amended the format for voluntary national reporting. In preparing this format, the Secretariat took into account the suggestions and proposals received from Members of the Forum. The amended format is attached, herewith.

To start the pilot phase for the use of the refined format, we would like to invite interested countries to express their willingness for participation in the pilot phase through a communication by their national focal point to the UNFF Secretariat at: unff@un.org with a copy to Mr. Tomasz Juszcak at juszcakt@un.org. All communications should be submitted to the secretariat, no later than **31 October 2022**.

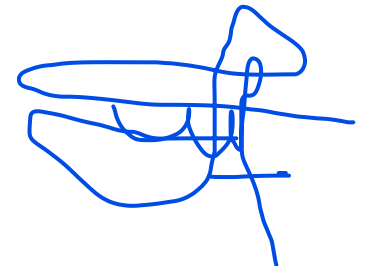
The pilot phase will be conducted from November 2022 through 15 February 2023. Following the conclusion of the pilot phase, the results will be shared during a global workshop, which the UNFFS and FAO are planning to organize in spring 2023. The details about the workshop and modalities will be shared at a later stage. For further information, please contact Mr. Tomasz Juszcak at juszcakt@un.org

We look forward to your active participation in this process.

Yours sincerely,

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