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April 26, 2022

Attn: Mr. Ziad Mahmassani Secretary of the United Nations Forum on Forests

Dear Mr. Mahmassani,

In my capacity as Chair of the Western European and Other States Group (WEOG) and with reference to the elections of members for the eighteenth and nineteenth session of the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF), I have the honour to inform you that WEOG has endorsed Turkey's candidature of Mr. Ismail Belen for the position of Vice-Chair.

Sincerely yours,

Hon. Bob Rae, P.C., C.C.

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Ambassador and Permanent Representative

