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Dear Mr. Belen,


I am pleased to invite you, in your capacity as a member of the Bureau of the eighteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF18), to attend the UNFF Expert Group Meeting (EGM), to be held from 11 to 13 January 2023 at the UNESCAP headquarter in Bangkok, Thailand.

In preparations for the midterm review of the International Arrangement on Forests (IAF), participants in this EGM will discuss and exchange views on the findings in the report of the consultants on Section G: Input of UNFF to 2030 Agenda, Section J: Involvement of regional and subregional partners, and Section I: Involvement of major groups and other relevant stakeholders, of the annex to ECOSOC resolution 2022/17. Detailed information about this meeting is contained in the attached concept note.

Given the importance of the preparatory process for the IAF midterm review, we would encourage participation of the UNFF18 Bureau members to attend and observe the discussions of this EGM. Kindly be advised that you are responsible to cover the costs of your travel to this meeting.

Grateful if confirmation of your attendance at this meeting could be communicated to us no later than, 21 November 2022.

Yours sincerely,



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