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Dear Mr. Belen,

I am pleased to invite you, in your capacity as the Vice-Chair of eighteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF18), to attend the Organization-Led Initiative (OLI) of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), to be held in a hybrid format on 22-23 Februaray 2023 at the FAO headquarter in Rome, Italy.

In preparations for the midterm review of the International Arrangement on Forests (IAF), participants in this OLI will discuss and exchange views on the findings in the report of the consultants on Section C of the annex to ECOSOC resolution 2022/17 on: Actions related to the CPF. 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 UNFF18 Bureau members to attend and observe the discussions of this OLI.

Grateful if confirmation of your attendance at this meeting could be communicated to us no later than, 10 February 2023.

Yours sincerely,

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