The Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and with reference to the Latter's Note no. UNFF/2009/IY/2011/INPUTS dated 10 July 2009, has the honour to present below the inputs provided by the Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Turkey on the planned activities within the context of the International Year of Forests (2011).

- Symposia and workshops entitled “Tourism and Forests” in Antalya by the Ministry of Environment and Forestry (MEF) in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture and Tourism;

- Seminars and other public awareness raising activities about the forestry sector and technical, socio-economic and administrative benefits of forests in the framework of sustainable forest management;

- Workshops related to policies on the adaptation of forests to climate change at regional level;

- Competitions and exhibitions in the areas of art, poem and essay writing, photography;

- Educational activities in forest villages with the aim of providing information on non-wood forest products;

- Awareness raising activities to encourage local participation in the combat against forest fires;

- Awareness raising activities about protection of forests, forest fires, fight with harmful pests for forests, forest products;

- Educational activities, national and international conferences and other activities such as exhibitions and competitions about afforestation and reforestation, erosion control, rehabilitation of forests within the framework of National Reforestation and Afforestation Campaign;

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- Preparation of booklets, bulletins related to the International Year of Forests as well as the broadcast of programs through local and national media;

- Awareness raising activities about Turkey's biological diversity, protection of forest products growing in and around forests through the organization of theme festivals (i.e. cherry, nut, watermelon, apricot, etc.);

- Action to improve forests in socio-economic, technical and managerial terms within the framework of sustainable forest management, related to protection of forests, fighting harmful pests and forest fires.

The Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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