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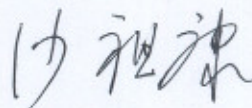
I have the honour to present to the Permanent Missions of all Member States to the United Nations in New York the following information in relation to the 62nd Session of the UN General Assembly.

On 17 October 2007, the UN Economic and Social Council adopted the resolution, "Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests" and transmitted said resolution for adoption by the 62nd Session of the UN General Assembly. Adoption of the Instrument by the General Assembly is scheduled to take place on 17 December 2007.

To mark this important occasion, the UN Secretariat is organizing a High-Level Special Event during the General Assembly Plenary Session, titled, "**The Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests – Heralding a New Era in Implementing Sustainable Forest Management**", which will take place immediately following the adoption of the Instrument on 17 December 2007, from 12:00 to 13:00, in the UN General Assembly Hall. A detailed programme of the event will follow shortly.

The Instrument reflects strong international commitment to promote the implementation of sustainable forest management at international and national levels. It recognizes forests' contribution to mitigation of and adaptation to climate change, eradication of poverty, and protection of biological diversity. The Instrument provides a platform for the world community to come together and work to ensure that our forests are managed sustainably for all current and future generations. It also recognizes the need for adequate means of implementation and the achievement of the four shared Global Objectives on Forests.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Under-Secretary-General

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