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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations in New York presents its compliments to the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat in New York, and has the honor to present herewith the progress on Indonesia's Voluntary National Contribution (VNC) that was previously submitted in 2019.

The progress of Indonesia's Voluntary National Contribution in 2021 is as follows:

1. On the deforestation rate, Indonesia has exceeded the 2020 target of 0.45 million hectares and substantially reduced the rate of deforestation up to 0.1 million hectares, which is the lowest in decades, resulting in decreased carbon emissions, and ensured the prevention of biodiversity loss.
2. In terms of the forestry allocation, Indonesia has also exceeded the target of 12.7 million hectares, which improved the livelihoods of 7,629 social forestry business groups. The forestry allocation efforts also increased productivity and value of on-farm and off-farm commodities, as well as rural small industries.
3. In the context of sustainable forest management and sustainable forest products, Indonesia have further promoted the certification of sustainable production forest and certification of timber through the Legality Verification System (SVLK).
4. Indonesia has established the Environmental Fund Management Agency (BPDLH), which is tasked to manage funds related to the environment, such as forestry, carbon trading, environmental services, agriculture, marine and fisheries.
5. Indonesia has further continued its active promotion of gender equality, particularly in the Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Indonesia, where female leadership has been encouraged, including by institutionalizing policies and providing facilities that enable women to meet a reasonable work-life balance, such as providing lactation spaces.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forest the assurances of its highest consideration.

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