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The Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests and wishes to refer to its letter dated October 25, 2013 with reference UNFF-13 HMM-L-284.

In this regard, the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations has the pleasure to enclose its submission of views and proposals on the international arrangement on forests (IAF).

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**Format for Soliciting Views and Proposals on the International Arrangement on Forests (IAF)  
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**Section A: Full range of options for the IAF**

A.1 Please select (with X in front of the options below) and explain the preferred option for the future of the IAF:

- A legally binding instrument on all types of forests
- Strengthening of the current IAF
- Continuation of the current IAF
- Other options (please describe) -

**Section B: Performance of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) and its processes since 2000, and future options for UNFF**

B.1 Please explain if you consider the current UNFF structure and its biennial sessions as sufficient to take necessary actions and to provide policy advice and guidance on all issues related to all types of forests and at all levels: It is necessary to hold biennial sessions for decision making and introduce [REDACTED]

<sup>4</sup> Please see these documents at:

- [http://www.un.org/esa/forests/pdf/2000\\_35\\_E.pdf](http://www.un.org/esa/forests/pdf/2000_35_E.pdf)
- [http://www.un.org/esa/forests/pdf/iaf/2006\\_49\\_E.pdf](http://www.un.org/esa/forests/pdf/iaf/2006_49_E.pdf)

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B.4 Please describe the potential roles for UNFF in implementing the UN post-2015 development agenda and the SDGs: The potential roles for UNFF in implementing the UN post-2015, could be:

1. Improving the income of poor communities and their ability to access natural resources  
[Redacted]

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2. Improving the quality and quantity of water, and therefore the access of the population to this natural resource

[Redacted]

C.5 Please explain how implementation of the forest instrument has contributed to the implementation of forest-related international conventions, and vice versa: An example of how the forest have been applied instruments. the REDD + initiative in the framework of the UNFCCC. which is

becoming one of the instruments for climate change mitigation, through the management of forests.

Q6. Please describe how the forest instrument and the COP 15 instrument (2015 UNFCCC)

development agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals:

**Section F: Financing options and strategies**

F.1 Please provide views on financing options and strategies, including the creation of a voluntary Global