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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to resolution 2000/35 where the Economic and Social Council decided that the international arrangement on forests should be dynamic and adapt to evolving conditions and that the effectiveness of this arrangement would be reviewed in five years; and decided, further, that the five year review of this arrangement will also address the institutional framework of the UNFF, including its position within the United Nations system.

To facilitate this review process, and as requested by resolution 4/4, the UNFF Secretariat developed guidelines, including a suggested reporting format, to serve as a basis for Member States to report on their implementation of the IPF/IFF proposals for action at the fifth session of the Forum (New York, 16-27 May 2005), and prepared a note to assist Member States in responding to the voluntary questionnaire based on the Specific Criteria. Consistent with resolution 4/4, these documents were submitted to the Member States (DESA/UNFF/04/CSM/L121) on 30 July 2004.

Let me recall that resolution 4/4 set up an extremely tight timetable for the review process, and invited Member States to submit to the UNFF Secretariat their report on the implementation of the IPF/IFF proposals for action and their response to the questionnaire, voluntarily and within their capacities, by **31 October 2004**.

His Excellency
The Permanent Representative of Norway
to the United Nations
New York, NY



It is my privilege to reiterate the importance of the review process as a key factor in shaping the future of the international arrangement on forests, and in particular the immense importance of the timely submission of your country's contribution. Allow me, Excellency, to seek your kind cooperation in ensuring the success of this process by facilitating the submission of the requested documents, preferably in both electronic form (to: unff@un.org) and hard copy, in accordance with the timetable established by the United Nations Forum on Forests.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Pekka Patosaari".

Pekka Patosaari
Coordinator and Head
Secretariat of the United Nations
Forum on Forests