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Please find attached for your approval and signature a message to the 23rd World Congress of IUFGO.

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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

MESSAGE TO 23rd WORLD CONGRESS OF THE
INTERNATIONAL UNION OF FOREST RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS
Seoul, 23 August 2010

I am pleased to send greetings to the twenty-third World Congress of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations. I thank the Republic of Korea, whose forests play such an important role in its green growth strategy, for hosting this event.

Forests are crucial for sustainable development. They contain two-thirds of Earth's known terrestrial species; they provide valuable protection against land degradation, desertification and climate change; and they support sustainable incomes and economic and social stability for hundreds of millions of people across the globe.

The International Union of Forest Research Organizations has created a valuable community of international scientists to advance policies and practices that preserve forests. You play an essential role in strengthening long-term political commitment to sustainable forest management by connecting experts from academia, government and non-governmental organizations.

As governments strive to agree on international frameworks to protect the global environment, your support for the sustainable management, conservation and protection of the world's forests is particularly significant. The knowledge, networking opportunities and assistance to institutions that you provide is central to bringing about local, regional and international change.

In 2007, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests, the world's first framework document to promote sustainable forest management. The Instrument has formalized and strengthened international political will to reduce deforestation, prevent forest degradation and decrease poverty in forest-dependent communities.

To further raise awareness and promote global action, the United Nations has declared 2011 the International Year of Forests. I encourage all members of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations to help us commemorate the Year, and I wish you a most productive meeting.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Ki Moon Ban", is written over the printed name "BAN Ki-moon".
BAN Ki-moon

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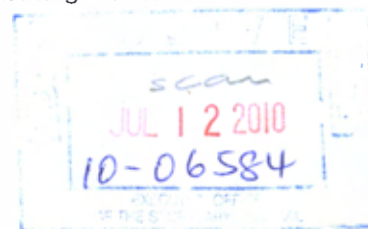
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21 June 2010

Honorable Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General
Office of the Secretary-General
United Nations, S-378
New York, NY 10017
U. S. A.



His Excellency:

As President of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO), it is a great honour for me to extend an invitation on behalf of the IUFRO Board and Congress Scientific Committee and kindly ask you to give us the pleasure of a keynote speech during the Opening Session of the XXIII IUFRO World Congress, which will be held at the COEX Convention Center, Seoul, Republic of Korea on 23 August 2010, with the theme "Forests for the Future: Sustaining Society and the Environment".


IUFRO is a global network for forest science cooperation with its headquarters located in Vienna, Austria. It was founded in 1892 and currently unites more than 15,000 scientists in about 700 member organizations in 120 countries. It is a non-profit, non-governmental scientific organization devoted to forest research and related sciences that brings together research organizations, universities and individual scientists, as well as decision-making authorities and other stakeholders. The mission of this global network for forest science cooperation is to enhance the understanding of the ecological, economic and social aspects of forests and trees, as well as to disseminate scientific knowledge to stakeholders and decision-makers and contribute to forest policy and on-the-ground forest management. I enclosed herewith the IUFRO Strategy 2006-2010 and the brochure of the XXIII IUFRO World Congress on 23-28 August 2010 for further information.

The IUFRO World Congress, being held every five years, is one of the largest forest events globally. It brings together more than 5,000 scientists and stakeholders from all parts of the world (more than 120 countries) to discuss scientific and technical issues related to priority areas of forest research, policy and management. It is interdisciplinary and integrative in scientific content.

Forests play a crucial role in combating global warming/climate change and desertification; in conserving biodiversity, water and other forest resources; and in addressing poverty issues as well. Acknowledging that forests play a large role in the influence of our society, whether that is through economic or social means, it is critical that the importance of forests be recognized on the global level.

I sincerely hope that you consider this opportunity to present your reflections to a highly targeted audience. We would be very grateful to welcome you as keynote speaker at the XXIII IUFRO World Congress. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,


Professor Don K. Lee
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Video Speech of the UN Secretary General

Honourable Ban Ki-moon

UN Secretary-General

Opening Ceremony, XXIII IUFRO World Congress

23 August 2010

Seoul, Korea

Congratulations to the organizers of this 23rd IUFRO World Congress and for convening this significant event in –Republic of Korea, the 'country of forest.'

So far, many efforts have been done and are being done by the UN to conserve the global environment. CBD, UNFCCC, and UNCCD are the three important environmental conventions that are being put into practice by the UN. The hub of the many critical issues being discussed in these conventions is the FOREST.

Forest is the origin of life and the source of human existence. About 2/3 of the terrestrial species belongs to forest. It is essential as carbon sink and has immense contribution in mitigating climate change. Forest has a foremost role in the human economic activity. According to World Bank, the welfare of about 160 million people is being affected by the rapidly deteriorating global economic environment. FAO has mentioned that the total global trade of wood-based forest product reached 327 billion USD in 2004.

Unfortunately, forests globally are waning at serious level due to incessant deforestation, forest degradation, desertification, and among others. Studies of UNEP found out that forests are disappearing at a rate of about 21 to 50 football fields per minute, and this is continuously taking place. It is obvious that the future of our grandchildren is in peril...we are losing the ground of life. Now is the time to start anew, amidst the environmental challenges we have globally.

The UN declared 2011 as the Year of the Forest, this is to properly evaluate the economic and environmental benefits provided by forest and to implement the sustainable forest management and conservation. The declaration of the UN Year of Biodiversity in 2010 and Year of the Forest in 2011 will promote the furtherance of conserving our forest and environment.

Forest is Life... Forest is Hope... Forest is the Future. I once again congratulate IUFRO for staging this highly dignified activity. I wish for the success of this 23rd IUFRO World Congress – a "green festivity" for the people who establish, tend, protect and conserve FOREST.

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Date: 16/07/2010 00 10:20
Subject: Re: 000 00000000 000 000 0000.

Dear Ms. Kim,

Thank you so much for H. E. Mr. Ban's photo which we are going to show the audience
in Congress Opening Ceremony (09:30, 23rd August 2010) when his written message is delivered.

Look forward to receiving the wrtten message too.

Best wishes,

Don Koo Lee

--- Original Message ---

From : "Isabelle Kim"<kimis@un.org>

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Date : 2010/07/17 0000 00 4:40:55

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Re: Secretary-General's message to the 23rd World Congress of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations, Seoul, 23 August 2010

Don K. Lee to: Ruxandra Ferascu, leedk, Sandar Hla, Sanghwa Lee

12/08/2010 09:20 PM

Please respond to "Don K. Lee"

History: This message has been replied to and forwarded.

Dear Ruxandra,

Many thanks for Mr. Secretary-General's message.

May I ask two questions as follows?

1. Is it possible to receive it in pdf after his Excellency's signature?
2. Shall I ask Ms. Jan McAlpine, Director of the UNFF to read this message?

Thank you again and best wishes,

Don Koo Lee

IUFRO President

--- Original Message ---

From : "Ruxandra Ferascu" <ferascu@un.org>

To : leedk@snu.ac.kr

Date : 2010/08/13 00:00 7:45:45

Subject : Secretary-General's message to the 23rd World Congress of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations, Seoul, 23 August 2010

Dear Professor Lee,

Please find attached the Secretary-General's message to the 23rd World Congress of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations which will take place in Seoul on 23 August 2010, along with our best wishes for a successful event.

Yours sincerely,

Ruxandra Ferascu

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