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> REVIEW OF SECTORAL CLUSTERS, SECOND PHASE: LAND, DESERTIFICATION, FORESTS AND BIODIVERSITY

Letter dated 26 January 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the Permanent Missions of Canada and Malaysia to the United Nations, I have the honour to transmit to you the report of the second meeting of the Intergovernmental Working Group on Global Forests (see annex), which was held in Ottawa/Hull, Canada from 10 to 14 October 1994. The meeting was jointly organized and sponsored by the Governments of Canada and Malaysia.

The objective of the initiative undertaken by Canada and Malaysia is to facilitate dialogue and consolidate approaches to the management, conservation and sustainable development of the world's forests, leading to the review of forest-related issues by the Commission on Sustainable Development at its third session, in 1995.

I would be grateful if you could make arrangements to circulate the attached report as an official document of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its third session.

(<u>Signed</u>) Robert R. FOWLER Ambassador Permanent Representative

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Annex

REPORT OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP ON FORESTS, HELD AT OTTAWA/HULL, CANADA FROM 10 TO 14 OCTOBER 1994*

^{*} The annex is circulated in the languages of submission only.