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Excellencies, distinguished colleagues,

As the largest megadiverse country and home to the world's largest tropical rainforest, Brazil is fully aware that forests play a major role in the Decade of Action for the Sustainable Development Goals and in many biodiversity-related conventions.

If we want the United Nations Forum on Forests to continue to play a fundamental role in addressing those interlinkages, we need to reflect upon the challenges that have prevented us from scaling up sustainable forest management.

As the COVID-19 pandemic has reversed many of the development gains we have achieved over the past years, we need to remind ourselves that forests are best protected when we address the three

dimensions of sustainable development in a balanced and integrated manner, and when countries, in particular developing countries, have access to adequate and predictable means of implementation.

The UNFF provides an essential platform to improve the exchange of best practices for the implementation of sustainable forest communities while preventing environmental degradation. Brazil has