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Contact Davyth Stewart, Coordinator

Subject Centre for Climate Crime Analysis

To whom it may concern,

We have recently been introduced to the proposal to create an independent mechanism, the Centre for Climate Crime Analysis (CCCA) to trigger and support concrete investigations and prosecutions of criminal activities that result in or are associated with the emission of significant amounts of greenhouse gases. The objective of the CCCA is to contribute to scaling up the prosecution of climate crimes in order to repress and deter criminal conduct, with a particular focus on forestry crime cases.

INTERPOL is the world's largest international police organization, with 190 member countries. Its role is to support all law enforcement agencies around the world to work together across all crime types, through targeted training, expert investigative support, relevant data and secure communication channels. Project LEAF (Law Enforcement Assistance for Forests) is a specific INTERPOL initiative against illegal logging, illicit timber trafficking and related crimes. Through Project LEAF, INTERPOL has extensive experience coordinating a wide range of law enforcement activities to combat forestry crime.

Subject to available funding, INTERPOL will cooperate with and support the work of CCCA and other potential law enforcement partners, including EUROPOL and the World Customs Organisation, to collect information and share analysis reports with relevant forestry law enforcement officers to identify transnational criminal networks involved in illegal logging and cross-border illicit timber trafficking. INTERPOL will conduct its own criminal intelligence analysis and provide investigative support to member countries to undertake law enforcement operations and investigations.

If you have further questions, please contact me at d.stewart@interpol.int

Yours Sincerely,

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