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Dear Ms Stoicescu,

Thank you for your letter of 27 September 2011 enclosing the Forester's Declaration which was approved by the Council of European Foresters on 25 August 2011.

I can assure you that the European Parliament takes very seriously its role in the development of European policy in the areas of forest protection and forestry. Indeed in May of this year, the Parliament adopted a report prepared by the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee on forest protection in the EU. The report places particular emphasis on the importance of sustainable forest management which requires a commitment to the interlinked environmental, economic and social aspects of forest protection and forestry.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and the Council of European Foresters every success with your important work, both in this UN International Year of the Forest and in the years to come.

Yours sincerely,

Jerzy Buzek