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International Day of Forests and the Tree

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 61/193 of 20 December 2006 on the International Year of Forests, 2011,

Noting the useful contribution of national, regional and international actions during the Year to raising awareness at all levels to strengthen the sustainable management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests for the benefit of current and future generations,

Considering that there is currently no globally recognized date for commemorating, carrying out activities on and raising awareness of forests and sustainable forest management beyond the Year,

Recalling the report of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on its thirty-seventh session and Economic and Social Council decision 2011/250 of 27 July 2011,

1. *Decides* to proclaim 21 March of each year the International Day of Forests and the Tree, to be observed starting in 2013;
2. *Invites* all Member States to devote the Day, as appropriate, in the national context, to presenting and promoting concrete activities with regard to forests.

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

