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Dear Professor Köhl,

On behalf of the Lead country and all members of ICP Forests, I would like to express my sincerest thanks.

In 2005, at the Task Force Meeting in Rome, you took over the chairmanship of ICP Forests from Mr Haußmann. After now more than ten years you are handing it, with all its responsibilities, over to yet another person.

You successfully navigated ICP Forests through eventful times, despite the sometimes tough political environment. There were new challenges like the European Union's decreasing commitment on environmental forest monitoring. During these years, ICP Forests has developed favourably, not least because of your impetus. The 25-year anniversary of the programme which we celebrated with our international partners in Garmisch-Partenkirchen was undoubtedly a highlight.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for more than ten years of work for ICP Forests, your commitment, and the excellent cooperation with our Ministry and I wish you all the best for your further scientific work.

It would be my pleasure if you could take the time and join the next Task Force Meeting to pass on the honours to your successor.

Sincerely yours,

gez. Neumann